

Dr. H. M. WALDRON, of Fairfax, Va., says that *ustilago maidis* is a specific in old men who complain of a burning sensation after urinating, gtt. 10 to $\frac{3}{4}$ of water, teaspoonful every two hours.

INCONTINENCE of urine, when due to slight disorder of genito-urinary or nervous system, may be relieved by *rhus aromatica*, beginning with 5 to 10 drops and increasing to 15 or 20 four times daily.

THE ADVANTAGES OF A PHYSICIAN DISPENSING HIS OWN MEDICINE.—This is a subject which has been discussed, Storrs, *Med. Age*, to a great extent, both pro and con, for a long time. The principal reasons which have been given in favor of every physician being his own druggist, may be mentioned as follows: 1. To make a physician more independent. 2. On account of the habit of substitution prevalent among certain druggists. 3. To make sure of exhibiting pure and fresh drugs. 4. To prevent refilling of prescriptions without the physician's knowledge. 5. To show his disapproval of the practice of counter prescribing and the selling of patent medicines. 6. To center the pecuniary profits upon the physician. 7. To assure cleanliness in the preparation of medicines. 8. To educate the doctors to practical pharmacy. 9. To inspire confidence in the patient. 10. To check the growing use of proprietary medicine by the profession.

SALICYLIC ACID AS A VERMIFUGE.—Ozegowski, *Norwing LekarSKI*, recommends the use of salicylic acid for the expulsion of tape-worms. On the day preceding the treatment the patient fasts and takes an ounce of castor oil in the evening. On the following morning another half ounce of oil is taken at seven o'clock. Beginning at eight o'clock one gramme of salicylic acid is taken every hour for four hours. If the tape-worm is not expelled within an hour after the fourth dose has been taken, another dose of castor oil is prescribed, when the parasite is generally discharged. Only one failure is reported in twenty cases in which this remedy was employed.

THYROID GLANDS.—Owing to the interest that has lately been shown in the use of thyroid glands in the treatment of myxoedema, etc., and to afford physicians an opportunity of determining the value of this agent, Messrs. Armour & Co., of Chicago,

offer to supply gratis a small quantity of "Desiccated Thyroid Glands" to members of the profession, upon application, for experimental purposes. The facilities of this firm for preparing the article are certainly unequalled, and the opportunity seems to us one which is worthy of attention, and should be taken advantage of in the interests of medical science.

ULCER OF STOMACH.—To combat the nausea and vomiting, *Wolff*, a pill containing extract of belladonna, gr. $\frac{1}{8}$, and silver nitrate, gr. $\frac{1}{2}$, may be used with advantage; the latter is said to exercise a curative influence on the ulcerated surface, and by being converted into an insoluble chloride, diminishes or neutralizes the hydrochloric acid present in the stomach.

ECZEMA OF THE SCROTUM.—Chrysarobin beginning with two per cent. vaseline ointment, and increasing if possible to ten per cent., is preferred to pyrogallol by *Veiel*. The latter, however, is useful where infiltration of the skin gives way too slowly to tar preparations. When either of these drugs is used the surrounding skin should be protected with a zinc jelly.

FOR URTICARIA OF CHILDREN.—*L'Union Med.*:

R.—Chloral hydrat.,

Camphoræ pulv.,

Acaciæ pulv., āā 3 ij.

Triturate until liquefied, and add

Cerat simpl., 3 j.—M.

Sig.—Apply topically.

A LINIMENT FOR EXCESSIVE SWEATING OF THE HANDS.—The following formula is attributed to the *Jour. des Science Médicales de Lille*: Borax and salicylic acid, each, fifteen parts; boric acid, four parts; glycerine and alcohol, each, sixty parts. The hands are to be rubbed with the liniment three times a day.

PARALYSIS AGITANS.—Dr. Sacaze (*La Sem. Med.*) reports the case of a man, thirty-eight years old, in which the administration of sodium borate in doses of from fifteen to forty-five grains, in three or four equal parts in the course of the day, was followed by the most striking improvement in the symptoms of paralysis agitans that had developed after a fall upon the shoulder.