

LEMONADE FOR DIARRHOEA. Hayem (*Le Bull. Med.* Sept. 21st, 1892):

R Acidi Lactici..... 10 grammes  
Syr. Simp..... 200 grammes  
Aq. Dest..... 800 grammes

M. Dose, half glassful.

This is especially recommended for the chronic diarrhoea of adults.—The lactic acid acts as a tonic and germicide. — *Medical and Surgical Reporter*.

BRONCHO-PNEUMONIA. — *L'Union Médicale* gives the following prescription for the treatment of broncho-pneumonia of children in the later stages :

R Brandy... .. 3ss to ʒi.  
Quinine sulphate..... gr. x.  
Syrup of orange..... ʒss.  
Peppermint-water..... ʒii. M.

Sig.—Give 6 to 10 coffeespoonfuls of this mixture to a child each day.—*Medical and Surgical Reporter*.

THE KEELEY CURE.—Dr. Keeley has taken great pains to keep his remedies a secret, but they have been secured and analyzed by competent chemists, and are now well known. The treatment consists in the use hypodermically, four times a day, of a solution which shows an analysis of :

R Strychnia sulph..... gr. ½.  
Atropia ..... gr. ¼.  
Acid boracic..... gr. xv.  
Aq. dest..... oz. iv.

The formula of the tonic taken by the mouth is :

R Ammon muriate ..... gr. j.  
Aloin..... gr. ij.  
Tr. cinch. comp..... oz. iij.  
Aq. dest..... oz. j.

M. S. Teaspoonful every two hours while awake.

During the initial treatment—for the first one, two or three days—much heavier injections of atropia are given, in combination with morphine. Any physician will know at a glance that the quantity of strychnine used is so minute, considering its relative potency, that it can have little effect in modifying the action of the atropia. The tonics support, to a degree, but they, too, have little influence in controlling the symptoms produced by that powerful drug.—*Times and Register*.

GALACTOGOGUES. Mlle Griniewitch (*Thèse de Paris*, 1892) has made a study of the principle means used to increase the secretion of milk or to cause it to reappear. After pointing out that suction, manipulation, and massage of the breast are good galactagogue agencies, she sets forth the result of her own investigations.

Electricity, goats' rue (*gallega officinalis*, natural order leguminosæ), the nettle, anise, cummin, and fennel augment the secretion of milk without injuring its quality. The density of the milk produced is normal, and the fatty constituents somewhat increased. Neither the women who take the above-mentioned drugs nor the children whom they nurse are in any way influenced by these galactagogues. Mlle. Griniewitch thinks that the galega is the most active, after these come in order, nettle, cummin, anise, and fennel.

She gives the following form for the administration :

R Extract of galega..... 2 oz.

Alcohol (60°)..... 30 oz.

500 to 250 drops to be taken two to five times daily.

Extract of Galega..... 3½ grs.

Excipient ..... q.s. for one gill.

One to four pills daily.

Extract of nettle ..... 6 oz.

Alcohol ..... 30 oz.

Of powdered anise, cummin, or fennel, 15 to 75 grains may be given daily in 15 grain doses.—*Medical Chronicle*.

PUNCTURE IN COPROSTASIS.—Petroff (*Bolnit chnaia Gazeta Botkina*) advocates tapping the bowel in cases of intestinal obstruction due to coprostasis. He relates two cases of absolute constipation of six and ten days' duration respectively, which simulated strangulation. The usual treatment by purgatives, enemata, and opium having failed, laparotomy was suggested. The author, however, resolved to try puncturing the distended bowel. In both cases a large quantity of gas escaped, which was followed (in one patient three, in the other twenty-four hours later) by profuse stools, the patients being discharged quite well shortly afterwards. The author considers the procedure relatively harmless.—*The British Medical Journal*.