

rectum, the action was generally prompt and satisfactory, though sometimes the absorption was delayed so that the patients complained of sleepiness the following day. The author therefore recommends the use of veronal-sodium in place of those mentioned; especially if some tolerance to these has developed or their toxic effects are to be avoided, as in co-existing cardiac trouble. Clysmata are of use where drugs by mouth are refused and where injections of hyoscine and morphine or of duboisine are no longer effective.—*Therap. Monatshefte*.

Pruritus Vulvae.

The following combination is highly recommended by Beall as having good results when all other means had failed:

Mentholis	grn. viij
Quininae Sulphatis	grn. xx
Acidi Carbolic.	grn. xxiv
Ichthyoli	℥iiss
Lanolini	℥vj
Ol. Ricini	℥x

M. et ft. ungt.

Sig.: Apply freely after washing the parts with hot water.—*Amer. Jour. Clin. Med.*

Inoculations for Acne.

It is reported that in St. Mary's Hospital, London, injections of vaccines of the staphylococcus (upon the basis of Wright's opsonic theory) are being made with excellent results in the eradication of acne pustules; muddy, blotchy complexions are said to be thus transformed into healthy skin, the best results being obtained in acne due to sluggish action of the sebaceous glands. The vaccines are manufactured in the Hospital laboratory, and are supplied in glass bulbs, one of which suffices for three or four injections. Such treatment is, we believe, scientifically sound. The only trouble with the Wright procedures have been their intricacy and the length of time required for individual examinations.—*Medical Times*.