

symptoms, "prevents the generation of the poison in the membrane, in mild cases checks the formation of membrane at once, and causes what is formed to speedily disappear." It is best given in solution, and the vehicle preferred is the elixir of bismuth and pepsin. The dose recommended is, for a child three years old, gr. 1-16, or, in a malignant case, gr. 1-8, in a teaspoonful of the elixir every three hours; for an adult from gr. 1-12 to gr. 1-8 every three hours. "It rarely disturbs the stomach, and soon allays existing nausea." It is advised that, if the case be far advanced before being seen, brandy and iron be added to the treatment.

RUPTURED PERINEUM TREATED WITH ONE STITCH.—We notice in the July number of the *American Journal of Obstetrics* that Dr. H. J. Lee, of Cleveland, O., reports three cases of lacerated perineum treated by a single suture, as recommended originally by Dr. Alloway of this city. He says the ease with which the operation is performed and the perfect results given by Dr. Alloway are sufficient reasons to warrant a further trial, and, if found to result as perfectly in other hands, it surely should succeed the more complicated operation which appears so formidable to both physician and patient. Dr. Lee does not agree entirely with the originator of the operation on one point. Thus, while Dr. Alloway thinks that the suture may be passed "at any point between the beginning and the end of the laceration," he contends that the suture should always be passed "on a level with the beginning of the laceration." He compliments Dr. Alloway highly on his conception of the operation, and wonders that, being so simple, it was not thought of before.

FEES EXTRAORDINARY.—A dentist of New York of the name of Atkinson recently did four days' work arranging and filling teeth, etc., for General Blanco, the Venezuelan President, and family. The General expected to pay a pretty large bill, especially as other engagements had been postponed to suit his convenience, but he confessed to some surprise when an account was rendered him for \$7,000. A mutual friend suggested that there was some mistake, but this is indignantly denied. A compromise was offered of \$1,500, but it is understood that suit will be entered for the sum originally claimed.