

Good results were also obtained in melancholia, neurasthenia, and cases of slow heart action. A case of sleeplessness, in which all known narcotics, even in large doses, had failed, was cured after three injections. A patient with cephalalgia of over a year's duration was remarkably improved after seven injections. Syncopal attacks and a paralytic condition in another patient disappeared after sixteen injections. Sciatica of a month's standing was cured by three injections.

PEOPLE who rejoice in the ability to live comfortably with a minimum of sleep usually display marked intolerance of the habits of the average human being who requires a more liberal allowance of "nature's sweet restorer." (*Hosp. Gaz.*) Only lately a certain eminent physician expressed the deliberate opinion that a large proportion of our ailments are due to over-indulgence in sleep, reminding us of the oft-quoted maxim of George III., of blessed memory—"Six hours for a man, seven for a woman, and eight for a fool." Personally, I resent this uncalled-for attack on my habits, for I infinitely prefer Sir James Sawyer's pithy injunction about going to bed when one can, and getting up when one must. Assuredly very few practitioners in the great metropolis suffer from an excess of sleep, and most of us would be the better if we adopted the sage advice to spend one day a month in bed.

INCOMPATIBILITIES OF ANTIPYRINE.—The following drugs (*Gaz. des Hop.*), are chemically incompatible with antipyrine, precipitating it from an aqueous solution: 1, Carbolic acid in strong solution; 2, tannin and substances containing it; 3, tincture of iodine; 4, the chlorides of mercury. The following decompose antipyrine when rubbed up with it dry in a mortar: 1, Calomel, which forms a toxic compound with antipyrine; 2, naphthol b; 3, chloral, which with it forms an oleaginous liquid; 4, bicarbonate of sodium; when this is mixed with antipyrine, an odor of acetic ether is given off; 5, salicylate of sodium, which like chloral forms an oleaginous mixture; 6, the salts of quinine and of caffeine, the solubility of which is increased by antipyrine.

EFFECTS OF ANTISEPTICS ON VIRILITY.—Attention is called by Dr. Van Den Corput (*Rev. Therap. : Med. and Surg. Rep.*) to the diminution

of virile power which he has observed in patients to whom he had prescribed antiseptics, such as salicylic acid, quinine, menthol, carbolic acid. The author supposes that these antiseptics act on the blood elements, and on the seminal cells as on inferior organisms. The spermatozooids become in effect completely immobile under the microscope, like all the leucocytes, which lose their amœboid movements, and can no longer effect their migrations. Salicylic acid acts in the same manner upon the ovary, and causes the lengthening of the menstrual period.

TREATMENT OF ERYSIPELAS.—Dr. Alex Winkler (*Therap. Monats.*), recommends painting the affected parts every three hours with:

Tannic acid,	1.0—1.5
Camphor,	1.0—3.0
Ether,	8.0

This removes the fever in a few hours and a cure is effected in two or three days. In place of the above we may use:

Camphor,	25.0
Ether,	50.0

This is to be brushed on every five hours. Dr. Ringier has used the above formula with excellent results in lymphangitis, in erysipelas ambulans and mild cases of erysipelous of the extremities. In cutaneous diseases having an erysipelatoid character, it also proved very useful. Such cases occur especially in the practice of the country physician, and are probably due to infection resulting from insignificant traumatism. To prevent deposition of tannin from the above mixture, Ringier adds a little alcohol (5.0—6.0 tannin, 6.0—7.0 camphor tritur., 50.0 ether, and 5.0 spirit vini rectificat.). This is applied every two hours.

THE AMERICAN ELECTRO-THERAPEUTIC ASSOCIATION.—The third annual meeting will be held in Chicago on September 12th, 13th and 14th, 1893. A cordial invitation is extended to all members of the profession interested in electro-therapeutics. Arrangements for special rates on railways and at hotels are in progress. The Committee of Arrangements will be obliged if those who intend being present at the meeting will send their names, the class and amount of accommodation required, titles of papers to be presented, applications for membership, etc., at as early a date as possible.