

Selections.

HEART STRAIN.—Pawinski regards the caffeine as of especial use in functional and degenerative disease of the heart muscle, and especially in the early stages. Sudden heart-strain from emotion or during fever is particularly benefited by caffeine.—*Medical Times and Hospital Gazette*.

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GONORRHOEA IN WOMEN.—Not less than twelve per cent. of all the women who consult the specialist, exclusive of prostitutes, have gonorrhœa or its sequelæ. It is the cause of not less than fifteen per cent. of all cases of puerperal fever. It is responsible for seventy per cent. of all cases of sterility in women. It is the skeleton in many a family closet.—*Rosenwasser, in Hot Springs Medical Journal*.

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THE EFFECTS OF ERYSIPELAS TOXINS UPON MALIGNANT GROWTHS.—A committee of the New York Medical Society was appointed to ascertain the effects of erysipelas toxins upon malignant growths, and reported in part: 1. That the danger to the patient from this treatment was great. 2. Moreover, that the alleged successes are so few and doubtful in character that the most that can be fairly alleged for the treatment by toxins is that it may offer a very slight chance of amelioration. 3. That valuable time has often been lost in operable cases by postponing operation for the sake of giving the method of treatment a trial. 4. Finally, and most important, that if the method is to be resorted to at all it should be confined to the absolutely inoperable cases.—*University Medical Magazine*.

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"EXAMINATION FEVER" AND STAGE FRIGHT.—Fluid extract of gelsemium in the dose of ten minims three times daily is recommended as a means of toning up those about to undergo the ordeal of examinations. An English specialist, who was much resorted to by members of the dramatic and musical professions, was very successful in the treatment of stage fright with laudanum; five to seven drops, he found, would give confidence to the most excitable actress and *prima donna* on "first nights." John Hunter was accustomed to nerve himself for the lecture-room in the same way; and it was probably this, as well as his experience of the drug in the case of sufferers from worse afflictions, that led him often to exclaim: "Thank God for opium!"—*The Practitioner*.