

tablespoonful in milk daily and gradually increasing the amount to six tablespoonfuls. With the exception of a slight attack of colic on the second or third day after the treatment with the oil was instituted, the patient had no further pain and no return of jaundice, and is now in better health than he has been for the last five years. Treatment was continued for several weeks after the disappearance of the symptoms, and, in addition to the oil, he was given two grains of calomel twice a week, and a few drops of extract of cascara sagrada every evening.

The second case, a woman aged 48, had been deeply jaundiced for ten months. The abdomen was retracted and the liver enlarged. She was very feeble, and her mind was depressed. As all other remedies had proved futile, she was given daily two tablespoonfuls of olive oil in warm milk. Within three weeks the jaundice disappeared, the stools became normal, and there was a remarkable improvement in the general condition. The author is unable to give any explanation of the action of the oil in these cases.—*University Medical Magazine*.

ATROPINE AND MORPHINISM.

Koch (*Therap. Monatsh.*, November, 1893) records the case of a patient who frequently indulged in morphine, and to whom on five occasions he administered subcutaneous doses of atropine as an antidote. It always quickly arrested the profuse secretion from the skin, air passages, and intestine; also considerably diminishing unpleasant results due to the abstinence from morphine, and thereby assisting gradual discontinuance of the narcotic. One three-hundredth part of a grain of the sulphate should be given at first, the patient being watched for several hours. A second dose may be administered if necessary.—*British Medical Journal*.

ICHTHYOL IN ERYSIPELAS.

Thomas (*Liverpool Medico-Chirurgical Journal*, July, 1893) refers to the treatment of erysipelas by ichthyol, and mentions four cases so treated, three of which were complicated by large surgical wounds. The onset of the disease was sudden, and the temperature high. As a result of the treatment, the disease was cured on the fifth day. In only one case was there sleeplessness. None required stimulants, and all experienced great relief from pain after each application of the remedy. Success in this treatment depends upon a very thorough rubbing of a strong ointment of ichthyol with vaseline or lanoline into the red area and into the adjoining healthy skin, covering the parts with a sheet of lint or the ordinary surgical dressing.—*Therapeutic Gazette*.