

12 hours. The resulting solution, after being filtered, is treated with Acet Lead; the lead precipitate is diffused in water and decomposed with sulphuretted Hydrogen. The fluid thus obtained after having been filtered, is evaporated to dryness. The article sold as Pepsine is made from this, mixed with an equal weight of starch, and a little Lactic Acid.

Glycerin, et al.—Dr. N. S. Davis, of the North Western Medical and Surgical Journal says, for cases of tubercular disease, before the cough is accompanied by much expectoration, we frequently prescribe R Glycerin, ʒ i, Iod. Potus ʒ i. Sulphatis morphiae, — mix and give a teaspoonful before each meal, and at bed time.

PERISCOPE.

Treatment of Ovarian Cysts. In a discussion before the Academy of Paris. M. Velpeau believes that, perhaps, in the majority of cases, women having these tumors, may enjoy tolerable health for ten, twenty, or thirty years; in fact, the mean of ordinary life: but still there are others not so fortunate, but who succumb within the first ten years, whether from the excessive development of the cyst, its inflammation, the tapping it has rendered necessary, or intercurrent diseases. As to the palliative tapping, M. Velpeau had performed it so often that he had come to look upon it as a very simple affair, when he lost several patients in the course of a single year. As, for a reasonable chance of effecting a radical cure in these cases, the woman's health must be tolerably good, the surgeon is placed in the dilemma of determining whether he shall propose to a woman in good health an operation which may kill her, or abandon her to a disease that may become dangerous. Great as has been M. Velpeau's employment of iodine injections in other circumstances, he has always felt reserve in using them in ovarian cysts. Numerous facts have shown him that they exert remarkable power in dropsies of serous membranes, and that their success is less in proportion as the surface to be modified differs in structure from these. In cysts containing uncoagulated blood they may still exert good service; but they are of less use when the contents are gelatiniform, still less when puriform, and scarcely of any utility when the parietes resemble mucous membrane in structure. Observing the success of others, M. Velpeau has latterly had recourse to these iodine injections himself, and with some good results; and as he believes the injection of the iodine does not add to the danger of tapping, he thinks there is no reason why an attempt at curative should not be substituted for mere palliative treatment.