

there is a full-sized bath in the house and plenty of hot water to cover the patient when lying down. A good dose of opium in some form is generally necessary, and other sedatives, such as the bromides, may, with advantage, be combined with it at the discretion of the physician. In bad cases there is nothing like an abdominal application of mustard.

I have alluded to the use of the hot bath in the treatment of false labor pains. It is equally useful during the early stage of true labor. Hyperemia of all the abdominal and pelvic organs exists at this time; the circulation is disturbed, the ligaments of all the pelvic articulations are being stretched and relaxed. All this produces discomfort of more kinds than one, which has to be added to the actual pain of uterine contraction in estimating the suffering of early labor. This discomfort is immensely relieved by immersion of the patient in hot water.

In helping the uterus to dilate the cervix, hot baths, friction over the abdomen, changes in posture, and, sometimes, the application of the binder, are useful.

The Topical Use of Quinine in Leucorrhœa.

Dr. Hardwicke (*Lancet*, January 7th, 1899) speaks as follows about the topical application of quinine to the mucous membrane of the cervix uteri and vagina in cases of leucorrhœa: A patient, the mother of six children, who had been a sufferer from the above complaint for some years, having used the various remedies usually prescribed in such cases but with only temporary benefit, her trouble sooner or later recurring, adopted the use, from prudential motives, of what proved to be quinine pessaries. Since using them not only had her leucorrhœa disappeared but her general health had improved. I have since used quinine topically in several cases of simple leucorrhœa always with great success—in fact, I do not know of a single instance in which it has failed or in which quinism has been produced. It may be used in the form of douche or pessary. I adopt the latter form as being obviously the better one; the drug has a better chance of closer and more continuous contact with the congested membrane. I prescribe three grains of the hydrobromate in a half-drachm pessary in combination with oleum theobromatis, but the pessus quininae of the "Extra Pharmacopeia" containing the hydrochloride answers just as well. One insertion a day is generally sufficient.

Post-Partum Hemorrhage Treated by Rectal Injection.

F. de Jersey, M.B., Ch.B. (*Lancet*, December 17th, p. 1628), was called to a woman 1½ hours after the birth of her thirteenth child. She was utterly collapsed and blanched, and the pulse