

in not less than thirty-nine cases of consumption in every stage, yet only when it was limited to the lungs and not when other organs were involved. Peppermint has been demonstrated by Braddon to exercise a bactericidal action on the bacilli of phthisis, and this same writer has gotten favourable results with inhalations in phthisis.—*Lancet-Clinic*.

#### ALBUMINURIA AND PHOSPHATURIA.—

In a communication to the Académie de Médecine, M. Robin gave the following outline of treatment for cases of phosphatic albuminuria: The first point, in importance, is to combat the nutritive disturbances, and the batabolism which leads to an undue elimination of phosphorus. Following this the attention should be given to preventing the destruction of the blood globules and to controlling the albuminuria. The hygienic treatment consists in moderate exercise, massage and complete intellectual rest. The diet should contain, above all else, vegetables rich in phosphorus and potassium, as beans and lentils; white flour and sugars which retard oxidation are contraindicated. Beef, mutton and shell fish are allowable, but meats rich in gelatine, and fish are to be forbidden. As medical treatment the following are especially commended for the nutritive troubles: arseniate of soda, cod liver oil, the glycerophosphates, hypophosphites, sulphate of quinine. Iron, arsenic and strychnine combat the destruction of the blood globules; while gallic acid, and the iodo-tannic preparations give good results in controlling the albuminuria.—*Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*.

THREE CORYZA PRESCRIPTIONS.—In a recent discussion before one of the Parisian medical societies, the three following prescriptions were given, as having been found of value. M. Grellety advised the

free use of this powder, especially in the early stages:

℞ Betol . . . . . 2.5 grs.  
Menthol . . . . . 0.25 grs.  
Cocaine . . . . . 0.50 grs.  
Powdered burnt coffee. 1.5 grs. M.

M. Huchard recommended a snuff containing less cocaine:

℞ Bismuthii subnitrat. 15 grs.  
Camphoræ . . . . . 5 grs.  
Cocainæ hydrochloratis . . . . . 0.05 grs. M.

M. Julien preferred an ointment to a dry powder:

℞ Vaseline . . . . . 30 grs.  
Acidi. borai . . . . . 5 grs.  
Menthol . . . . . .05 to 20 grs. M.

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ŒDEMATOUS SWELLING OF THE PREPUCE ACCOMPANYING THE USE OF ANTI-PYRINE.—(*Centralblatt für Klinische Medicin*.) Dr. Freudenburg reports: Male, thirty years old, took seven-and-a-half grains of antipyrine for headache. No relief; an hour later felt a burning sensation in the urethra and considerable itching of the prepuce, and behind the scrotum. Considerable swelling of the prepuce and the glands was noticeable.

Freudenburg administered the same patient some four weeks later and again gave seven-and-a-half grains antipyrine to verify the supposed effect of this drug. Two hours later, the same symptoms as stated were observed.—*Med. and Surg. Reporter*.

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A SHORT CHARACTER SKETCH OF GERMAN Y'S FAMOUS SURGEON.

The modern surgical amphitheatre of a great hospital is the arena where is fought the battle with death and disease, with pain, misfortune and deformity. An impressive spectacle it is; tier upon tier of