

Therapeutic Suggestions.

INFANTILE COLIC.—A towel dipped in boiling water, wrung out rapidly, folded to proper size, and surrounded by dry flannel, when applied to the abdomen in infantile colic, will act like magic.—*Peoria Med Jour.*

GUAIACOL AS A LOCAL ANÆSTHETIC.—Newcomb (*Laryngoscope*), in a paper read before the American Laryngological Association, describes the use of this drug in certain cases as a substitute for cocaine. He says that it has been used in ninety-eight cases with gratifying success. It is prepared by adding 5 per cent. of guaiacol to a solution of sulphate of zinc in olive oil and alcohol.—*Lancet-Clinic.*

ALUMINIUM ACETATE IN UTERINE HÆMORRHAGES.—The hæmostatic, antiseptic and astringent properties of this substance render it an effective means of arresting hæmorrhage from the uterus, post partum or otherwise. Kalenscher makes the injection through a rubber tube attached to the end of a syringe holding 20 to 30 c.c. of a 3 per cent. solution, introducing it into the uterus. The astringent power is such that the vagina contracts until it is difficult to insert the finger. Three to five injections are usually required.—*Semaine Med.*

SULPHUR IN SEPTIC AND TUBERCULOUS ULCERS.—Miller, of Edinburgh (*Practitioner*, February, 1897), praises very highly the application of sulphur in obstinate or recurrent ulcers and abscesses. Sulphur is non-poisonous, and when applied to fresh surfaces there are formed sulphuretted hydrogen, sulphurous and sulphuric acids, and it is these three products that act on the tissues. Being in statu nascendi, their bactericidal action is especially lasting and energetic. In fresh wounds and ulcers the sulphur is applied as a fine powder, in septic and tuberculous abscesses a 10 per cent. glycerin emulsion is injected. The burning following the application of sulphur can be prevented by the addition of cocaine. The author says that under the sulphur treatment ulcers and abscesses that have before resisted every kind of treatment for months frequently heal within a week. Another of the advantages of sulphur is its cheapness.