

AMENORRHOEA.

In cases of this nature, due to torpid action of the ovaries, Dr. Goodell orders the following prescription :

℞ Ex. aloes..... 3 j ; 4.00 Gm. ;
 Ferri sulph. exsic..... 3 ij ; 8.00 Gm. ;
 Assafoet..... 3 iv ; 16.00 Gm.

M. et in pil. No. c, divide.

Sig. One pill to be taken after each meal ; this number to be gradually increased, first to two and then to three pills after each meal. If the bowels are at any time over-affected, the patient is to stop and begin again with one pill.

Where the amenorrhea is due to arrested development Dr. Goodell has derived the very best results from the constant use of Bland's pill, as recommended by Niemeyer :

℞ Pulv. ferri sulph..... } aa 3 ij ; 8.00 Gm. ;
 Potas. carb. puræ..... }
 Mucil. tragacanth. q. s.

M. et in pil. No. xlviii, divide.

Sig. To be given daily, in increasing doses, until three pills are taken after each meal.

This gives the large quantity of twenty-two and a half grains of the dried sulphate of iron per diem.

If these pills give rise to constipation, Dr. Goodell uses this formula :

℞ Pulv. glycyrrh. rad. } aa 3 ss ; 15.00 Gm. ;
 Pulv. sennæ..... }
 Sulph. sublim..... } aa 3 ij ; 8.00 Gm. ;
 Pulv. feniculi..... }
 Sacchar. purif..... 3 jss ; 45.00 Gm.

M. Sig. One teaspoonful in half a cupful of water at bedtime.

Where the suppression is due to change of habits and loss of health, tonics are employed. When the suppression comes on suddenly, from cold or exposure while in the midst of the menses, and is accompanied by severe lumbar pains, the patient is placed in a mustard hip-bath, a Dover's powder is administered, she is put to bed, and hot drinks are given to provoke copious diuresis and diaphoresis.—*Medical Record*.

TINCT. FERRI PERCHLORIDI.

Dr. Reed, Professor of Materia Medica in the Montreal College of Pharmacy, observes that, notwithstanding so many new preparations of iron have been brought forward, this old tincture still holds its place in spite of the unpleasantness of its taste. There is, he says, a simple method of dealing with it which is not so widely known as it deserves, and which consists in merely adding a little alkaline citrate. For every dram of the tincture add half a dram of citrate of potash. The liquid is then converted into a beautiful green color, and is quite free from the peculiar roughness

of the iron. For a tablespoonful dose, containing ten minims, the prescription may be—

Tinct. ferri mur..... 3 ij ; 8.00 fl.Gm. ;
 Pot. cit..... 3 j ; 4.00 Gm. ;
 Syr. limon..... 3 jss ; 45.00 fl.Gm. ;
 Aquæ, ad..... 3 ij ; 60.00 fl.Gm.

Another advantage of the mixture is that astringent tinctures—as bark, gentian, etc.—may be added without decomposition.—*Canada Med. Journal*.

Sometimes the interior of the nares feels very sore from erosions, or crusts are forming in consequence of catarrhal affections. Zinc ointment applied freely by means of a camel's-hair brush acts like a charm, a single application often being sufficient.

ASTHMA.—

℞ Tinct. lobeliæ..... 3 ii.
 Ammon. iodi... 3 iii.
 Ammon. brom..... 3 iv.
 Syrup. tolut..... 3 iv.

M. Sig.—A teaspoonful every four hours.
 —*Virginia Medical News*.

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INSANITY AND DIVORCE.

Some time ago a Commission was appointed in Paris to investigate the question of Divorce, and determine what circumstances should in future be accepted as valid reasons for the dissolution of the marriage tie. M.M. Charcot, Blanche and Legrand du Saule have recently appeared before this Commission, and testified that, with some reservations, insanity should not hold in law as a plea for divorce. According to the *British Medical Journal*, a writer in the *Gazette Hebdomadaire* warmly endorses the opinion of