

All the mothers recovered, and two or three children were saved. The first case was treated by administering chloroform, bringing on labour, delivery by forceps, placing 5 grains of calomel and 2 drops of croton oil on the tongue; which brought away an enormous scybalous mass, but no arrest of the fit until nearly a pint of blood was taken from the arm. Chloral was afterwards given. In a few hours the fits returned, but on addition of morphine to the chloral it acted like a charm, and they were completely controlled by the latter drug. In this case convalescence was very long. The other five cases, which were not bled, recovered very much more quickly.

The treatment consisted in emptying the uterus early, some with and some without chloroform, dilating the os with Barnes' bag when necessary, and applying forceps or version when more convenient, clearing the bowels, and quieting the fits by giving morphine combined with chloral to give a quicker effect. I look upon morphine almost as a specific in these cases, after the uterus and the bowels have been emptied. Ordinary doses of bromide of potassium were disappointing in my hands. I consider venesection useful if there is no other remedy at hand.

A \$200,000 LIBEL SUIT.—Suit has been entered by William Radam, manufacturer of Radam's Microbe Killer, against the *Druggists Circular*, of New York, for \$200,000 damages, the largest amount so far as heard from that was ever asked for in a libel suit of this kind.

The pleadings show that the action is brought to recover damages claimed to have been done the business of the plaintiff by an article published in the *Druggists Circular* for September, 1889. This article gave the result of an analysis of the Microbe Killer made by Dr. R. G. Eccles, a prominent chemist of Brooklyn, who stated that an identical preparation could be made by the following formula.

Oil of vitriol (impure) . . . . 4 drams.

Muriatic acid (impure) . . . 1 dram.

Red wine, about . . . . . 1 ounce.

Well or spring water . . . . 1 gallon.

This mixture, it was alleged, could be made at a cost of less than five cents per gallon for which Radam charged three dollars.

It was further alleged that while when properly

used sulphuric acid, the principal constituent of the Microbe Killer, was a valuable medicine, it was, when taken without due caution or advice, a slow but certain cumulative poison; and the theories advanced by Radam, as to the causes of diseases and the proper method of treatment, were alleged to be totally erroneous. Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, the famous lecturer, is the counsel for the plaintiff.

The *Druggists Circular* which is published at 73 William street, New York, expresses a desire to hear of any case in which unfavorable results have followed the administration of the Microbe Killer or of any other fact that would be interesting under the circumstances. They claim to have published this analysis, without malice and with the sole intention of protecting the public from the loss of their health and money by the use of a dangerous nostrum.

ROTTERHAM HOUSE.—"Nothing succeeds like success," is an old maxim, and an instance of it is found in the extraordinary success that has attended the Private Hospital opened by Dr. Holford Walker, a little over a year ago, on Isabella street, for the treatment of surgical and nervous diseases of women. The Doctor having procured a handsome pair of semi-detached houses, the hospital was opened with a staff of four nurses, two for the surgical cases, and two for the nervous cases requiring massage. The demand for rooms became so great that it was necessary to procure more accommodation, and a handsome house adjoining was purchased this spring, and the three joined by a covered bridge, the whole forming one of the most complete private hospitals on the continent. The staff of nurses has been increased to eight. As the Doctor does no outside work except in consultation, he is enabled to devote his attention to the minor details so essential to the comfort and welfare of his patients.

An engraving of the establishment will be found in this month's issue.

THERAPEUTIC USES OF PEROXIDE OF HYDROGEN.—Dr. Mikhail P. Manassein, of St. Petersburg, (*Novosti Serapii*) draws attention to the following points in connection with the subject:—

1st. Peroxide of hydrogen is an excellent antiseptic and disinfectant agent which deserves the most extensive use.