

### OPIUM POISONING.

F. Taylor (*The Lancet*) thinks the faradic current should be applied persistently in those cases where coma has reached the stage threatening life. Even if there is no response after thirty or forty minutes, but the contraction of the muscles, it should be continued. The portable faradic battery is all that is required.

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### POSTANESTHETIC VOMITING.

*The Therapeutic Gazette* says, quoting Halperin: "How many of our surgeons or anesthetists would like to have their stomachs washed out just after a laparotomy?" Absolute rest in a quiet room, small swallows of hot water at frequent intervals, the application of an old-fashioned mustard plaster over the pit of the stomach, the use of one or two grains of acetanilide placed dry on the tongue or dissolved in a little brandy, or the use of from three to five grains of chlorotone in a similar manner, will usually produce the results which are required.

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### GASTRIC ULCER.

John J. Gilbride describes Lenhartz's method of treating gastric ulcer as follows: Put the patient to bed and administer a concentrated albuminous diet. This keeps the excessive acid secretion in the stomach, permitting the ulcer to heal. Absolute rest in bed for four weeks is essential. An icebag is applied to the epigastrium to prevent distension of the stomach and to favor contraction of the ulcer, as well as to relieve pain. If medication is indicated,—bismuth: Raw beef, if tolerated by the patient.

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### FURUNCULOSIS.

Henry K. Gaskell, speaking in a discussion on furunculosis before the Philadelphia County Medical Society, stated that the staphylococccic vaccine was especially valuable in furunculosis. In his cases the beneficial results have been seen in eighty to ninety per cent. of cures; the balance greatly improved. The majority of the cases were cured after the fourth injection. Begin with a dose of 250,000 to one c.c., increased, if necessary, to a billion. The furuncle he opened with the caustic stick for cosmetic purposes. Externally he employed from five to seven per cent. salicylic acid ointment. Not for the single boil, but for crops—furunculosis—should this treatment be employed.