

Progress of Science.

JUGULATING PNEUMONIA.

At the recent Therapeutical Congress, in M. Petrescii, of Bucharest, claimed that pneumonia could be aborted in its early stages by giving large doses of digitalis, *e.g.*, four to eight grammes (ʒj. to ʒij.) of the leaves of infusion, daily.—*N. Y. Med. Record.*

POTASSIUM BROMIDE AND BELLADONNA FOR ENURISIS.

Dr. J. T. Richards recommends very highly a combination of belladonna with bromide potassium in the treatment of nocturnal incontinence of urine. He reports two cases in the *British Medical Journal*, of June 22, 1880, in which this mixture was effectual after belladonna alone and several other drugs had notably failed.—*Med. Record.*

PRACTICAL METHOD OF MIXING VASELINE AND WATER.

Krebo (*Mal. Cut. et Syph.*, No. 2, 2889) has found that the addition of a few drops of castor oil to promade containing vaseline and aqueous liquids effects their amalgamation. Two drops of the oil to a gramme of the liquid to be mixed with the vaseline are sufficient to make a fine emulsion.—*Jour. of Cut. Ven. Diseases.*

TO ABORT FURUNCLES.

Jorissen recommends, to abort boils, one or more frictions daily with an ointment composed of

Red oxide of mercury,	5 grains.
Lanoline,	1 ounce

Each friction should last for three or four minutes.—*Med. and Surg. Reporter.*

THE CURE OF BUNIONS BY PHENIC ACID.

Dr. Salemi, of Nice, uses the following method: The foot is washed with soap and water, after which the adjoining healthy parts are protected by a thick coat of elastic collodion. The acid is now melted and applied to the hardened surface by means of a pointed brush. After allowing it to dry for several minutes, the excess of acid remaining may be taken up with ordinary blotting paper. This application should be repeated every three or four days until a cure results.—*Revue Médicale de Louvain.—Times and Register.*

SULPHONAL.

One of the most promising of the new drugs is sulphonal, the new hypnotic. In most cases it produces a natural, refreshing sleep without disagreeable sequelæ. It is most efficient in purely nervous conditions, functional or organic, but is often very serviceable in delirium tremens or other forms of mania. It is without smell and is almost tasteless. The dose is fifteen to forty-five grains, best administered in capsule as it is insoluble.

ERGOT IN CHOLERA.

Surgeon-Major Comerford, of India, has recently being using the fluid extract of ergot with marked success in the first stages of cholera and in severe diarrhœa. The drug was used hypodermically in ten minim doses. In every instance its use was followed by complete success, the diarrhœa being quickly checked and collapse averted. These results were, however, only obtainable during the first stages of the disease.—*Med. and Surg. Reporter.*

TREATMENT OF WARTS.

Altschul recommends the treatment of warts by Unna's method, namely, mercurial ointment, containing 5 to 10 per cent. arsenic. The ointment is spread on linen, and applied over the wart, which gradually softens, and is finally absorbed without leaving any mark. The method is painless. The treatment of warts by arsenical paste is by no means a new one, and its efficacy has been frequently confirmed.—*British Medical Journal.*

TREATMENT OF LUPUS BY CARBOLIC ACID.

Dr. Cordero reports three cases of lupus of the face cured by atomization of a 10 per cent. solution of carbolic acid, daily, for fifteen or twenty minutes, after which the part is covered with a dressing of the same solution. Within ten or fifteen days cicatrization begins, and the cure is completed. He explains it by the antibacterial effect of the acid. The author believes that the same beneficial effect might be obtained in cases of epithelioma.—*Gaceta Médica City of Mexico.—Satellite*

DEODORIZATION OF IODOFORM WITH TAR.

Ehrmann, of Vienna was the first to notice that a pomade of iodoform to which tar had been added no longer possessed the odor of the former drug, and he has employed this pomade in the treatment of syphilitic ulcers. M. Négel, of Jassy, has also remarked this fact.