

With regard to the second attack, however, I think there can be no doubt, if there be anything in clinical history at all as a means of diagnosis.

Again, the fact of the occurrence of marked consolidation of the base of one lung and suppuration of cervical glands might, I suppose, explain the continuance of fever, and it is to get an expression of opinion on this point that I have brought the notes of the case before you to-night.

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THE TREATMENT OF NEURALGIA.—The following application is recommended (*Jour. de Med. de Paris*):

R Menthol	}	.....āā	15 grains.
Guaiacol			
Absolute alcohol			5 drachms.

A small quantity of this mixture is gently rubbed over the painful spot, which is then covered by a piece of cotton. This can be repeated two or three times in the twenty-four hours.—*Therapeutic Gazette*.

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THE BABY'S BATH.—The hand is an unsafe guide by which to determine the temperature of the water. This should always be determined by the thermometer. A bath thermometer should, therefore, be a part of the equipment of every nursery. This consists of any ordinary thermometer of large size, set in a wooden case. The following table shows the proper temperature of the bath for various periods during the first two years:

TEMPERATURE OF THE BATH AT DIFFERENT AGES.

At birth	100° F.
During first month	97° F.
One to six months	95° F.
Six to twelve months	90° F.
One to two years	86° F.

Soap employed for the baby's bath is of importance. Soap containing an excess of alkali may seriously irritate a child's delicate skin and predispose it to erythema or eczema. The best grade of white castile soap is the most suitable for baby's-use. The oatmeal soap of a good make, may also be employed. Dr. Griffith regards the German soap known as Basis Seife as the best. It can be obtained through most druggists. A dusting powder is not necessary when the skin is in normal condition and is properly dried after the bath. One of the chief objections to its use is the fact that nurses are prone to rely upon it, instead of taking proper care in drying the surface. When properly used there can be no objection to it.—*M. A. Practitioner*.