

CHLOROFORM WATER IN CROUP.—Dr. Bashere has lately obtained excellent results (*Med. Rec.*) from chloroform water in the treatment of false croup, and regards it as superior to chloral in this affection, in that it is not so dangerous and is eliminated in part by the lungs. Of course its action is local, and its value, probably, due to the sedative effect upon the sensory filaments of the superior laryngeal nerve. He uses a solution consisting of 5 to 10 minims of chloroform to an ounce of water, to which is added a little glycerine to aid the solubility of the chloroform. A teaspoonful of this is given every half hour during an attack, and if there is any dyspnoea the following day, a teaspoonful is given every two hours, increased in frequency to every hour during the evening. This method of treatment is especially applicable to those cases in which the dyspnoea and cough continue during the day.

GLYCERINE OF BORAX IN DIARRHŒA OF INFANTS.—E. Mansel Sympson has found glycerine of borax to answer capitally (says *The Lancet*) in diarrhœa of infants. The children like it, it lessens griping, renders sweet the offensive motions, and stops the diarrhœa. Its use may be supported by the following theoretical arguments: In diarrhœa infantum, the character of the motions suggests excessive fermentation of the contents of the alimentary canal. Glycerine and borax both possess well known antiseptic and soothing properties. The ordinary dose for a child is about twenty minims given every one, two, or three hours, according to the severity of the symptoms. The medicine should be diluted with a teaspoonful of distilled water, and flavored to suit. Glycerine of borax is composed of one ounce of borax in five fluid ounces of glycerine.

DR. G. S. RENNIE, L.R.C.P. & S., Edinburgh and Glasgow (Trinity Medical College), has recently passed the L. R. C. P. London Examination. Dr. Rennie intends to remain in England in attendance upon some of the metropolitan hospitals until October, when he will return to Canada.

CARBOLISED OIL IN SCABIES.—Dr. Tresilian, (*British Medical Journal*) has had excellent results from the use of Carbolic oil, 1 in 15 of olive oil, as a local application in scabies.

CARBONATE OF AMMONIA IN MASTITIS.—Dr. J. R. Frith, writing to the *Weekly Medical Review*, says: "I wish to state the mode I have used for the last six or seven years, invariably with marked success. I do not remember where I obtained it, and never since I commenced its use have I had need for the lance. Even in cases where I have thought it impossible to prevent the formation of pus, I have been able to succeed with it. Simply use carbonate of ammonia (3ij), boiling water (3vii). I saturate in this solution a flannel bandage three inches wide and two feet long, and apply to breast, covering this with oil silk. Solution is used as hot as can be borne, and is renewed every two or three hours. Relief will be derived from the first application.

BORIC ACID IN ACNE.—Dr. Sarah Post (*Med. News*) says she has had very satisfactory results from the following treatment of acne:—Bathe the face at night in hot water containing a few drops of ammonia; do not use soap. Rinse the face in cold water; dry the face. Then apply the solution, half an ounce of boric acid in eight ounces of alcohol, perfumed if necessary, sopping it on with the corner of a handkerchief or a piece of clean soft rag. In the morning do not wash the face, but apply the solution. Carry the solution with you, and apply it several times a day if the skin becomes moist.

SOME USES OF CREOLIN IN GYNÆCOLOGY.—Chiron has given considerable attention to the therapeutics of this remedy. For specific vesical inflammation he holds it very useful. He used two and five per cent. solutions without causing pain or any toxic symptoms, while the trouble was speedily relieved. In gonorrhœal vaginitis and endometritis he used douches and applications of a five per cent. solution with marked benefit. Creolin gauze was found to be a good substitute for iodoform in tamponnade of the uterine cavity.

ANTI-PRURITIC OINTMENT.—Dr. Bulkley (*Coll. and Clin. Rec.*) recommends:

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Chlor. hydrat., āā 3j

Rub together till a liquid results and add one ounce of rose water.