

ANTIPYRIN is stated by Dr. Herbert Snow (*Brit. Med. Jour.*) to relieve the pain of incurable cancer, and to act best when given with morphine, the analgesic effect of which it greatly enhances.

COLCHICINE is recommended by Dr. Darier in certain eye affections, and is administered in pill form, each pill containing  $\frac{1}{64}$  grain of the drug of which from 1 to 2 or 4, or even 6 pills, can be taken daily. Care must be taken to instruct patients to reduce the dose as soon as intestinal derangements manifest themselves. Some patients have taken as many as 200 pills, without complaining of unfavorable symptoms.—*Med. News*, March 3, 1889.

IODOFORM POISONING IN CHILDREN.—Dr. Cazin reports two cases of children who had toxic symptoms after applications of iodoform dressings following surgical operations. In one of them "the symptoms took a comatose and in the other a meningitic form." After a modification of the dressings the symptoms disappeared. Dr. Cazin thinks that iodoform should be used with the greatest caution in dressing open wounds in children.—*Repert. de phar.*, April 1.

A NEW ANTISEPTIC POWDER DRESSING.—The author proposes to employ infusorial earth, sterilized by being subjected to a heat sufficient to cause it to glow. It may be used pure or treated by the use of disinfectants. Infusorial earth is an easily friable grayish or whitish mass, occurring at times as a solid, chalk-like deposit and sometimes as a meal-like substance. It will absorb from five to seven times its own weight in water. Mixtures of equal parts of this infusorial earth and salicylic acid, salol, and iodoform, as well as a 1—2000 trituration of corrosive sublimate, proved useful. The easy solubility of the latter in the wound secretions renders the application especially useful in infected wounds. The value of this preparation of infusorial earth as a provisional occlusive dressing in gun-shot wounds, during transportation from the battle-field to the field hospital, is especially commented upon.—J. HABART *Wiener Med. Presse*, No. 9, 1888.

LACTIC ACID IN TUBERCULOUS DIARRHŒA.—Segary and Aune recommend lactic acid, 2, 6, or 8 grams in twenty-four hours, in the treatment of diarrhœa of phthisis. They report 9 successful cases.—*Jour. Amr. Med. Assoc.*, March 2, 1889.

CONSTIPATION.—DR. O. P. REX, in *Col. and Clin. Record*.—For the constipation of children where the stools are clay colored and hard, for a child one year old :

R. Podophyllin.....gr.  $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Spirit. vini rectificat.....℥ xxx  
 Syrup.....f 5 j  
 M. Sig.—f 5 j ter die.

CREASOTE IN PHTHISIS.—In the clinic of Dr. Verstraeten (*Rev. gen. Clin. et Thera.*), creasote has been found of service in phthisis. It may be given in the following ways:—

(1). One part may be mixed with 20 of cod liver oil. Of this mixture 3 to 6 teaspoonfuls must be administered daily.

(2). It may be combined with an equal part of almond oil, and five or ten drops of the compound given three times daily in two tablespoonfuls of warm milk or broth.—*American Jour. of Phar.*

VIBURNUM—Trifolium.—DR. A. LUTAUD, in *Jour. de Med.*, adds to the testimony which is accumulating as to the value of viburnum trifolium in obstetrical cases. He has found viburnum above all a uterine sedative, its use being especially efficacious in preventing abortion and reducing the pains in dysmenorrhœa. In such cases he believes it to be decidedly preferable to opiates, as it is free from the secondary effects of the latter; and it may be given to pregnant women in whom opium is contraindicated. He refers to the case of a woman in whom the membranes were prematurely ruptured, and in whom the employment of viburnum so delayed the occurrence of labor as to permit the patient to make a railway journey and be delivered at her own home. His experience further warrants him in recommending the employment of viburnum in all forms of dysmenorrhœa, and when the uterine contraction leads to abortion or premature delivery.