

charged the case.

12th.—At this writing there are no signs of any remaining scars.

One thing noticeable with the blood treatment was the absence of pain. Before I used it the ulcers were very painful, but after applying the blood dressing there was immediate relief, and the patient experienced no more pain.

TREATMENT OF CHRONIC CONSTIPATION WITH CREOSOTE.

It is announced that creosote not only breaks up the most inveterate case of constipation but improves the general health. It acts, probably, by neutralizing some toxin that has been paralyzing the nerves of the intestinal tube. Its beneficial action was discovered by V. De Holstein, who has contributed an article to the *Semaine Medicale* on the subject (September 1). He administers seven to eight drops twice a day after the principal meals, in a glass of milk, beer, or water, with or without wine. He uses pure beech creosote, and commences with one drop, increasing one drop a day, until the requisite dose is determined.—*Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Hydroxyl—Free Cod Liver Oil.—Peter Møller, of Christiania, has patented and placed on the German market a form of cod liver oil under the above name in which all the oxyfatty acids (which produce the disagreeable eructations) have been removed from the oil by treatment in an atmosphere of carbon dioxide. The taste of the preparation is said to be very mild and agreeable and it is said can be retained by the most delicate stomachs. It should be protected from air, and is, therefore, put up in bottles only.

Limanol.—This is the name which has been given by a Russian doctor to an extract prepared under a patent from the mud baths of Liman in Russia. These baths are located in the neighborhood of Odessa and have a very widespread reputation for curing rheumatism, gout, migraine, etc. This limanol is intended to

be applied locally in diseases of the class named. In addition to the simple extract of the mud baths, limanol contains chloroform, ammonia liniment, oil of turpentine and spirit of soap. With the assistance which can be rendered by these ingredients it no doubt will make an efficient liniment.

EDITORIAL.

At the expiration of the year we sent out a slip reminding our subscribers that the dollar for the *LANCET*, Vol. 5, was still due. Out of 350 notices we have as yet been favored with but two responses, two gentlemen having taken it for the year, requested to have it discontinued, but forgot to remit their dollars. Now one dollar to a medical man is not a great tax, but \$350 is a serious blow to a young publication, and we can assure our readers that twelve issues of the *LANCET* cost far more than a dollar per year.

Tragedies are multiplying in the Province of Manitoba, and for some time to come, at any rate, are likely to continue to do so, under the present lax system of preliminary investigation, and the setting aside holding Coroner's Inquests in every case of violent death. 'We give the published notes of the Austin tragedy.' The first goes, so the reader will observe, into the minutest details which could only have been given by an eye witness. 'The subsequent conclusion come to by an official of the Barnardo farm has quite a different complexion, lastly, we reprint the Coroner's remarks, and after perusing the whole, may ask what justifies the conclusions arrived at. Might not a tramp have attacked these boys and chased them about the house?' They in their turn knocking down milk-pans, breaking windows to attract attention, and causing all the havoc mentioned? Was the missing cartridge case found? Is it not possible the person who fired the shot pocketed the shell? Was there nothing suspicious in the younger child being killed some time before the elder boy, he less able to escape