

THERAPEUTIC NOTES

Puerperal Fever. — Ilkervitsch (*Zentral für Gyn.*) used intravenous injection of one per thousand of silver nitrate solution as introduced by Hume, of Baltimore, in a number of cases with extremely satisfactory results in eighty-three out of one hundred and thirty-eight cases of puerperal fever. Later experience has convinced him that distilled water alone answers equally well. In the last eighteen months Ilkervitsch has applied this measure in 142 cases and 42 patients out of 62 with pyemia and septicemia were cured. In the severest cases of septicemia improvement followed the infusion of distilled water. The report issues from the Moscow maternity.

Hemoptysis. — Müller (*Beiträge zur Klinik der Tub.*) commends the treatment of hemoptysis with intravenous saline infusion. The blood becomes more fluid and as a consequence coagulates more readily. He reviews his experience in fifty cases during the last eighteen months and considers it more reliable than any other measure to date. The injections, which are entirely harmless and cause no trouble, consist of 5 c.c. of a 10 or 15 per cent. solution of salt. The injections should be given during the hemorrhage and after its arrest, a second, or a third during the day to ward off recurrence.

Boils. — L. E. Chapman (*J.A.M.A.*) says eight ounces of the following mixture will promptly cure boils in every case: Liq. potassii arsenitis, m. iii; Liq. ferri peptonati cum mangano, ʒi. This is one dose; take after meals. He has used this for seven years.

Tabes. — Joseph Collins (*Med. Rec.*) says if neosalvarsan is used instead of salvarsan the interval between the administration should be less. It is given one dose every third day for four doses, and then an interval of from six to eight weeks, for men the dose being 0.9 gm. for women, 0.45 gm. In many cases