

CHORUS.

Hard trials for them two,
Johnny Jones and his sister Sue,
And the peach of emerald hue,
Also the comma-bacillus too,
Listen to my tale of woe!

—*Coll. and Clin. Record.*

TREATMENT FOR GONORRHOEA.

R. Opium,	7 grains.
Acacia,	7 "
Saffron,	15 "
Boiling water,	5 ounces.

Make an infusion, filter, and add

R. Acetate of lead,	20 grains.
Sulphate of zinc,	45 "

Use as an infusion in the latter stages of gonorrhœa. In place of this the following may be employed :

R. Pyridine,	6 to 8 drops.
Distilled water,	2½ ounces.

Use three or four injections of this a day.

THE DIAGNOSIS BETWEEN CONCUSSION AND COMPRESSION OF THE BRAIN.

Dr. Brinton gives the following diagnostic points between these conditions. *Concussion* :

—1. Incomplete insensibility. 2. Partial muscular action. 3. Special senses act partially. 4. Patient can answer questions if roused. 5. Pulse quick; feeble; often intermittent. 6. Skin cold; temperature falls to 94° or 95°. 7. Respiration feeble; quiet. 8. Nausea and vomiting. 9. Pupils irregularly contracted. 10. Eye-lids somewhat open. 11. Urine voided, fæces retained. *Compression* :—1. Complete insensibility. 2. Paralysis. 3. Special senses do not act. 4. Patient cannot answer questions if roused. 5. Pulse slow and laboring. 6. Skin hot and perspiring, temperature 102° to 104°. 7. Respiration labored, stertorous. 8. No nausea or vomiting. 9. Pupils irregularly dilated. 10. Eye-lids irregularly closed. 11. Retention of urine; involuntary escape of fæces. —*Times and Register.*—*Int. Jour. of Surgery.*

TREATMENT OF COLD ABSCESS.

The employment of ethereal solutions of iodoform in the treatment of cold abscesses often causes a great deal of pain. In consequence of this, Billroth employs the following treatment: The abscess is thoroughly opened across its greatest diameter, and its walls are rubbed with a tampon of iodoform gauze. After this the cavity is washed out with a solution of corrosive sublimate, of a strength of 1 to 3000, and finally after the edges of the wound have been sutured, a mixture composed of 100 parts of glycerine and 10 parts of iodoform is injected through a drainage tube, and allowed to remain in contact with the diseased surfaces.—*Medical News.*—*Int. Jour. of Surgery.*

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HOW TO ATTAIN LONG LIFE.

We remember to have read some years ago two excellent lectures in the *Nineteenth Century* by Sir Henry Thompson on the diseases of old age, and what we learned then we have made use of many times since, to the advantage of many elderly patients who were being unintentionally hurried towards the grave by the mistaken kindness of those who loved them best. As Sir Henry Thompson pointed out, and as we have many times in these columns repeated, many of the diseases of old age are due to loading the system with combustible materials long after the fires of youth and middle age have been extinguished. Nature, who is generally kinder to us than we are to ourselves, gives elderly people a strong hint by removing their teeth that the time has come to return to the liquid or semi-liquid diet of childhood, but science has been able to restore by means of artificial teeth both the dental beauty and ability to masticate properly belonging to youth, while habit, tastes and the wealth to gratify them impels us to eat more than we require.

Besides great moderation in eating, another very important factor in attaining long life is the practice of taking sufficient