

destroyed at 80° C. A trace of formic acid increases its liquefying power. The liquid resulting from the action of the ferment on the caroubin jelly is rich in a reducing sugar precipitated by alcohol and soluble in water, the solution being strongly dextrorotatory. Treated with dilute mineral acids, it gives a peculiar sugar, aroubinose.

CAUSES OF EPIDEMIC TYPHOID.

—F. Harbitz (*Norsk Mag. f. Lægevidensk*) gives the history of a severe epidemic of typhoid fever which attacked Christiania in the autumn of 1896. During August and the first half of September, ninety-five persons were attacked; there was then a period in which few cases occurred, and then in the latter half of October there was a recrudescence of virulence, 146 persons being affected. The cases occurred specially in certain localities, and even in individual

buildings such as prisons and hospitals. The author proves satisfactorily that the drinking water could not have been the vehicle of infection, and believes that the milk supply was at fault. All the centres of the outbreak were supplied by the one milk supply association. It was, however, impossible to trace the infection further back, as the association drew its supplies of milk from widely scattered and distant districts. —*Brit. Med. Jour.*

SANMETTO IN INFLAMMATION OF BLADDER, OVARIES OR UTERUS.—

Sanmetto is an excellent remedy for all bladder troubles caused by inflammation. I find it acts nicely with tinct. opii. to allay pain and inflammation, especially when the ovaries or uterus are affected. The physicians generally, about here, prescribe Sanmetto. LORENZO SARGENT, M.D. Bradford, Mass.

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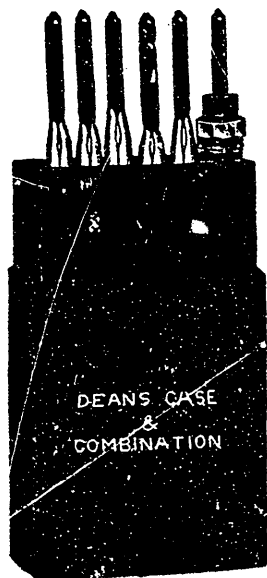
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