

under which the fluid stands, the presence and amount of albumen and sugar; and the presence of blood, pus, micro-organisms, etc., may be ascertained. In meningitis, due to tubercle, a clear fluid containing tubercle bacilli would be obtained; in the purulent form the fluid would be cloudy and contain the various pyogenic cocci, while in cerebral abscess there would be a clear fluid and no organism. The diagnosis of intra-ventricular hæmorrhage and hæmorrhage of the spinal canal might also be diagnosed with more or less certainty.

USE OF ANTITOXIC SERUM FOR PREVENTION OF DIPHTHERIA.—In concluding a paper on this subject (*Medical News*, November 30), Dr. Hermann, Biggs, of New York, states that of 1,014 persons immunized, bacilli having been found in their throats, sixteen cases of diphtheria occurred—three in from one to thirty days, and thirteen in from thirty to one hundred and ten days after immunization.

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THE DIAGNOSIS OF RENAL CALCULUS IN WOMEN.—Dr. H. A. Kelly (*Medical News*) makes a diagnosis by catheterization of the ureter, the urines from each kidney being collected at the same time. This enabled him to demonstrate a unilateral or bilateral pyelitis, and the grade of each—by suction at the outer end of the catheter to bring down bits of stone for microscopical and microchemic examination.

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SIXTY-THREE CASES OF ENTERIC FEVER TREATED BY SYSTEMATIC COLD BATHING.—Dr. J. C. Wilson (*Medical News*) says the treatment consisted of two laxative doses of calomel to patients admitted prior to the tenth day; a full plunge-bath at a temperature of about 70° F. every third hour, so long as the axillary temperature continued to rise to 102° F., whiskey being given during or after the bath. Diet—milk and broths; no solids until temperature had been normal a week. Of these four died—mortality of 6.3 per cent. Of the four fatal cases, two were not bathed, and three of those who recovered were not bathed, leaving fifty-eight cases bathed, with two deaths.

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IS BICYCLING GOOD FOR WOMEN?—In reply to a letter asking if bicycling is good for women, Dr. W. P. Playfair writes (*British Medical Journal*, December 21, 1895), that he had seen one case only in which injury had been done—a trivial ecchymosis of the