

portions of the cork when threaded upon the string can be put into the neck of the bottle as well as if the cork had not been divided horizontally; but, on proceeding to take out the cork in the ordinary way, only the upper half of it will be removed, and the neck of the bottle will still remain closed by the lower half of the cork, so that the contents of the bottle cannot be poured out. In that way the possibility of unconsciously swallowing a poisonous liniment by mistake would be prevented, and the person endeavoring to take out the cork would be informed, even in the dark, of the fact that the wrong bottle had been taken up. The simplicity of this contrivance is a great recommendation, and it has the further important advantage that it is applicable to any bottle without being a permanent distinction after the use of a bottle for a poisonous article is at an end.—*Brit. Med. Jour.*

EXAMINATION OF SPUTUM.—Zenoni first recalls how mucus has been shown to stain with anilin dyes, and how this fact has been used to distinguish the sputum of pneumonia from that of bronchitis, as for example, with Biondi's three-color stain. The author, however, prefers saffranin. Bizzozero showed how the mucin in cells stains yellow or brownish yellow with saffranin, whereas the nucleus and rest of the cells stain red. The author spreads a thin layer of sputum on a cover glass, and allows it to remain under alcohol for a quarter of an hour or longer to coagulate. A half concentrated watery solution of pure saffranin is then applied. If examined against a white ground the bronchitic sputum appears yellow, whereas the pneumonic sputum looks red, the difference being due to the albuminous nature of the latter sputum. If these two kinds of sputum are mixed distinct traces of yellow are visible. The method is useful for distinguishing between them.—*Times and Reg.*

STRYCHNINE AS AN ANTIDOTE TO CHLOROFORM POISONING.—Washburn, *Therap. Gaz.*, records a case of a patient who had swallowed two ounces of chloroform with suicidal intent, being found in the street in a condition of profound narcosis. His pupils were widely dilated and inactive. His respiration was so shallow as to be almost imperceptible, and he had the weak, irregular pulse of a dying man. One twentieth of a grain of strychnine was injected hypodermically, and artificial respiration applied, with the result that after a few minutes the whole aspect of the case changed, the respirations becoming deep and full, and the pulse also improved. After an hour another injection of 1-60 gr. of strychnine was given. Two hours after being called to the case the author was able to communicate with the patient, and to get him to confess the cause of his

condition. Recovery was complete, the patient, however, passing through a severe attack of gastritis.

THE THERAPEUTICAL VIRTUES OF SANMETTO.—In just appreciation of the virtues of SANMETTO, I have to state that in several cases of prostatitis, atony of the urinary bladder, loss of semen and sexual capacity, I have tried the preparation, and in every instance my patients have derived some benefit from its use. I shall continue to commend SANMETTO to my patients in the like afflictions, with perfect confidence.—LOUIS BAUER, M.D., M.R.C.S., Eng., Prof. of Surgery, etc. St. Louis College of Phys. and Surg.

RADICAL METHOD OF CURING CORNS BETWEEN THE TOES.—Dr. A. M. Phelps advises that in case of corns between the toes, which after ordinary treatment recur, the skin between the adjacent toes should be entirely removed and the toes brought together by a line of sutures and allowed to unite. The webbing of the toes is entirely unimportant.—*Medical Review.*

APPENDICITIS—THE LATEST FAD.

Have you got the new disorder?
If you haven't, 'tis in order
To succumb to it at once without delay.
It is called appendicitis—
Very different from gastritis
Or the common trash diseases of the day.

It creates a happy frolic,
Something like a winter colic,
That has often jarred our inner organs some:
Only wrestles with the wealthy,
And otherwise most healthy—
Having got it, then you're nigh to kingdom come.

Midway down in your intestine,
Its interstices' infestin',
Is a little alley, blind and dark as night,
Leading off simply nowhere,
Catching all stray things that go there;
As a pocket it is clearly out of sight.

It is prone to stop and grapple
With the seed of grape or apple,
Or a soldier button swallowed with your pie.
Having levied on these chattels,
Then begin internal battles
That are apt to end in mansions in the sky.

Once located, never doubt it,
You would never be without it,
It's a fad among society that's gay;
Old heart failure and paresis
Have decamped and gone to pieces,
And dyspepsia has fallen by the way.

Then stand back there, diabetes;
For here comes appendicitis,
With a brood of minor troubles on the wing;
So, vermiform, here's hoping
You'll withstand all drastic dosing,
And earn the appellation, "Uncrowned King!"
—*The World, New York.*