

THERAPEUTIC NOTES

PHOSPHATURIA.

Umber (*Therapic des Gegen.*) says that in the majority of patients suffering from phosphaturia, that hyperchlorhydria is present with general neurasthenia. Atropine has a pronounced action in increasing the acidity of the urine, and thus keeping the phosphates in solution. It reduces the elimination of the calcium. He orders foods as free from lime as possible. The dose is from 10 to 20 drops of a 1 per thousand aqueous solution of atropine sulphate after meals. This maximum dose he keeps up for two weeks, then gradually reducing it. The course of treatment extends over three or four weeks.

GASTRIC FLATULENCE.

Prof. A. Hirschler (Hungary correspondence *Medical Press and Circular*) recommends the following for severe gastric flatulence, the treatment consisting in antiseptics, absorbent powders and laxatives:—Peroxide of manganese, 6 grs. For one wafer; to be taken half an hour after meals. After the repast:—Prepared chalk, 15 grs.; carbonate of soda, 8 grs.; calcined magnesia, 8 grs. For one powder; to be taken in water or aniseed tea. In case of pain or burning in the stomach, opium and belladonna might be associated with the powders:—Prepared chalk of bismuth, 15 grs.; calcined magnesia, 12 grs.; powdered opium, 1-5 gr.; powdered belladonna, $\frac{1}{2}$ gr.

TONSILLITIS.

A. E. Buchanan (Medical Council) has had good success in the treatment of tonsillitis with the following prescription:—Sodii salicylatis, grs. 10 to 15; tincture ferri chloridi, gtt., 10; glycerini, gtt., 15; aquæ, q. s., ad oz. 1, M. Sig. One such dose every two to four hours. To this he adds now one or two drachms of bicarbonate of potash, which gives a better color and enhances its medicinal value. Patients first drink half a tumbler of water, then the iron mixture, allowing the medicine to coat over the throat and remain there as a topical application, as well as an internal treatment. He also uses aspirin as a topical application, carefully applied on a swab.