

tory results. Thus Cutherton (*Medical Standard*, March, 1891) reports five interesting cases of marked diabetes, where the use of arsenic in the form of Fowler's solution, combined with tincture of calumba, gave the best results. The drug was given in doses of three minims thrice daily, the ages of the patients varying from 28 to 62 years. The use of the drug was accompanied by the observance of a diabetic diet and the best hygienic surroundings, and the good results were seen in from two to four weeks. In one instance codeine had to be employed to aid the action of the alterative. The alkaloid was given in doses of two grains every two hours, gradually increasing it to fifteen grains in the twenty-four hours, but finally all the cases yielded to arsenic.

It is worthy of note that four out of the five cases reported were women, and the results confirm those obtained by previous observers, such as Trousseau, Owen Rees, Deurgie, Foville, and others. The author believes that in these cases of diabetes arsenic does good by increasing the activity of the blood corpuscles, enabling the hæmoglobin to resist the toxic effects of the sugar by parting more readily with its oxygen and absorbing carbonic oxide.—*Univ. Med. Magazine*.—*Pittsburgh Med. Review*.

#### TREATMENT OF ACNE.

Capozi recommends in the treatment of acne the following solution:

R. Washed and precipitated sulphur,	} of each 2½ drachms.
Powdered glycerin,	
Carbonate of potassium,	
Cherry-laurel water,	
Distilled water,	

After thoroughly washing the part which is affected this mixture is to be applied at night, and may be replaced by an application of oxide of zinc ointment or glycerin.—*Med. News*.

#### THE TREATMENT OF CARDIAC ASTHMA.

*The Journal de Médecine de Paris* gives the following treatment of Ferrand for cardiac asthma, which is divided into several parts. The general treatment consists in the administration of 2 teaspoonfuls of the following solution every morning:

R. Iodide of sodium,	6 drachms.
Infusion of inula,	10 ounces.

At night, after supper, two tablespoonfuls of a solution of bromide of sodium and aconite are to be given, made as follows:

R. Bromide of sodium,	6 drachms.
Tincture of aconite,	16 drops.
Infusion of hops,	8 ounces.

The treatment of an attack of asthma is to inspire steam arising from a vessel of hot water, and if possible containing the fumes of ammonium. 5 drops of the following mixture may be given every five or ten minutes:

R. Laudanum,	1 drachm.
Cherry-laurel water,	1½ drachms.

At the same time a subcutaneous injection of the following will be found of advantage:

R. Sulphate of atropine,	1-10 grain.
Sulphate of morphine,	3 grains.
Cherry-laurel water,	2½ drachms.

Twenty minims of this may be injected at a time. After the attack has passed by, the following may be given:

R. Extract of stramonium,	} of each 1 grain.
Valerianate of zinc,	
— <i>Med. News</i> .	

#### TREATMENT OF CORYZA.

In the treatment of coryza Kola recommends that a teaspoonful of powdered camphor be added to a pitcher of boiling water, and that a cone be placed over the mouth of the vessel, the other end of the cone being placed over the nose and mouth of the patient. The vapor which arises from the water is charged with the camphor, and may be inhaled for from five to ten minutes. Three inhalations are usually sufficient to arrest the most rebellious coryza. These inhalations provoke a most abundant secretion from the nasal and pharyngeal mucous membrane, and exert a favorable effect upon the inflamed parts.—*L'Union Médicale*.—*Med. News*.

#### TRICHLORACETIC ACID AS A CAUSTIC.

This acid has been largely employed by Ehrmann in the treatment of maladies of the nose and throat. A crystal of the acid may be applied to the part affected, when it forms a white scab, which is rapidly detached. From an experience with 140 cases Ehrmann concludes that this acid occupies the first rank in the treatment of maladies of the nose and pharynx. It may be used with great advantage with an astringent, and the following formula is recommended by the writer:

R. Iodine,	4 drachms.
Iodide of potassium,	5 "
Trichloracetic acid,	4 to 8 "
Glycerin,	8 "

Apply to the part with a tampon.

One drop of this solution is not disagreeable, and it is followed by very little pain. In the treatment of follicular tonsillitis Ehrmann found