

TREATMENT OF ASTHMA.

DR. AD. D'ÉVOT (*Rev. de Thérap.*) gives some directions as to the remedies to be used in asthma. Twelve grammes of flowers of sulphur, with one gramme of tartarized antimony, are mixed with honey and powdered gum, and divided into sixty pills. Three of these represent the dose of Debreyne's powders, and one pill is given morning and evening.

Morning and evening a sheet of nitre paper may be burned in the bedroom or alcove of the patient. The paper may be prepared of white filter paper, dipped in a solution of nitre in the proportion of a drachm to an ounce.

TREATMENT OF PSORIASIS BY ACETIC ACID.

DR. BUCK (*Berlin Wochen. Prakt. Arz.*, 1873) has found the external application of acetic acid best of all in psoriasis. He first of all softens the skin eruption by soap and water baths and rubs off the epidermic scales with a soft brush. He then paints the spots affected with dilute acetic acid, so long as the patient will bear it. This is done frequently. No scar is left, and the treatment requires four to six or eight weeks. The same application is useful in warts.

IMPROVEMENT IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF PERCHLORIDE OF IRON.

Dr. Herbert L. Snow (*Br. Med. Jour.*, June 28) says that the metallic, astringent taste long remaining in the mouth after the administration of tincture of perchloride of iron may be completely avoided by the addition of a small quantity of glycerine, about half an ounce to an eight-ounce mixture being ordinarily sufficient.

In the same journal of July 5, Dr. Alex. Boggs, of Paris, recommends glycerine not only for this purpose, but also as an addition to remedies which have a tendency to constipate the bowels, its action being mildly aperient, and also on account of its solvent powers, which exceed those of syrups.

FRECKLES.

The following lotion is recommended for the removal of freckles:—

℞ Hyd. perchlor.....gr. v.
Acid hydrochlor.....gtt. xxx.
Sacch. alb.....i.
Spt. vini rect.....ij.
Aque rosæ.....3 vij.
M.

LOTION OF ACETIC ACID FOR BALDNESS.

The following lotion is said to be superior for a shampooing liquid, for removing dandruff, and

useful and pleasant application for baldness. It is, of course, moderately stimulating, and in those cases in which the hair-follicles are not destroyed, but have become merely inactive, we should think it might prove both efficacious and agreeable:—

Take of acetic acid.....1 drachm.

Cologne water.....1 ounce.

Water, to make in all....6 ounces.

M.

—Exchange.

SINAPISMS.

In making a mustard plaster, use no water whatever, but mix the mustard with the white of an egg, and the result will be a plaster which will "draw" perfectly, but will not produce a blister even upon the skin of an infant, no matter how long it is allowed to remain upon the part.—*The Medical Brief.*

GLYCEROLE FOR CHAPPING OF THE SKIN.

℞ Oxide of zinc.....gr. xx.
Tannic acid.....gr. xv.
Glycerine.....3 ix.
Tincture of benzoin, 3 ss.
Camphor.....gr. xv.
M.

REMOVAL OF GLASS STOPPERS.

It may not have occurred to every one—at all events it is not noticed in any of our treatises on practical pharmacy—that the easiest way to take out a stopper which has become fixed in the neck of a bottle is to reverse the motion given to it when putting it in, that is, to knock the stopper from right to left. In most instances when a stopper is fixed, without the intervention of an adhesive substance, it is by turning it as one would drive a screw. The direction is almost invariably from left to right, and thus a thread is formed, which it is easier to follow backwards than to break. The trouble with which the removal of stoppers is usually attended must form my apology for introducing a suggestion of so little apparent importance.

HOW TO SWALLOW A PILL.

The *Chicago Medical Times* is responsible for the following:—"Put the pills under the tongue and behind the teeth, and let the patient immediately take a large swallow of water, and he will neither feel the pill nor taste it. In fact, they cannot tell where it has gone, and I have seen them look about the floor to see if they had not dropped it."

INCONTINENCE OF URINE.

Dr. Holmes Coote, of St. Bartholomew's, recommends for incontinence of urine in children, one mi-