

MISCELLANEOUS.

A CASE OF IDIOPATHIC ANEMIA.

Chas. L. Lang, M. D., Weedsport, N. Y. in the *St. Louis Medical Era*, March, 1904, writes : Idiopathic anemia presents some very difficult conditions to relieve. During May, 1903, Mr. B. H., aged forty-eight years, gave up his work as mail carrier on a R. F. D. route, and took to his house and shortly after to his bed. He received good medical treatment from several competent physicians, but steadily failed till he seemed almost bloodless. During the autumn he was taken to Clifton Springs Sanatorium, where a blood count showed 1,500,000 red corpuscles to a c. m. m. and he was sent home as a case not suited to treatment. Less than three weeks ago I first saw him. He was confined to bed, dropsical, nearly bloodless, not greatly emaciated, hardly able to express an idea, brain being almost inactive. He had always chewed tobacco excessively ; this I stopped abruptly and completely. I put him on pepto-mangan (Gude), in place of which he was taking, and gave him 1-10 gr. of arsenious acid in tablet form once daily.

For five days he lay partly comatose, then began to revive, and from that time on has improved very rapidly. The dropsy is all gone, and the mucous membranes of lips and eyelids are red. He sits at the table and eats several pounds of red meat daily, sleeps quietly, and his brain works easily and actively. I am not puffing any particular medicine ; indeed, I hardly know which to give the credit to—the pepto-mangan or the breaking of the tobacco habit. He has never asked for tobacco since he “came to.” He seems so amazed to find himself improving that he is willing to give it up.

ENTEROCOLITIS AND CHOLERA INFANTUM.

Cleanse the intestinal tract with calomel and a saline or with castor oil. Prescribe a suitable diet, easily digested and non-irritating. Irrigate the rectum and colon at suitable intervals with normal salt solution or some mild antiseptic, using for the purpose a soft rubber catheter or colon tube.

Instead of opiates, which lock up the secretions and thereby favor auto-intoxication, relieve the muscular rigidity and the excruciating pain which is such a drain upon the vital forces, by the use of Antiphlogistine as hot as can be borne to the entire abdominal walls and covered with absorbent cotton and a compress. If the patient is not too far gone ; the effect will be astonishing. The little sufferer, who