

out removing it. Then it should be worn at night or day only. Usually an hour after the application the joint is painless, and after several days the stiffness disappears.—*Manchener Medicinische Wochenschrift*, No. 31, 1898.

STYPTICIN IN UTERINE HÆMORRHAGES.—(*Muench Med. Woch.*, 1898, p. 419). While most cases of uterine hæmorrhage demand operative interference, yet there are cases in which it is unsuitable and the hæmorrhage may be influenced by drugs. For this purpose stypticin or cotarninum hydrochloricum was introduced by Freund. It is a derivative of narcotine and is chemically related to hydrastin. It comes as a sulphur yellow amorphous powder, which is readily soluble in water and can be administered in doses of from 0.025 to 0.05 several times daily, either as a powder or in solution, and may be even used subcutaneously. Suitable formulæ are as follows:

R. Stypticin	0.05.
Sacchar. alb	0.5.
M. f. pulv.	
D. tal. dos. no. xv.	
S.—4 to 5 times daily.	
or R Stypticin	1.5.
Pulv. et succ. liquir. q.s. ut. ft. pilul. no. xxx.	
S.—4 to 5 times a day.	

If it is going to prove efficacious eight to fifteen pills of 0.05 each is sufficient, but it is suitable for continued use. Of five cases of virginal menstrual hæmorrhages in three was it efficacious, the remaining two were very anæmic girls in which hydrastis had been unsuccessfully used. While in nine cases of menorrhagia due to inflammatory disease of the pelvic connective tissues, or of the adnexa, or of malposition of the uterus associated with inflammation of the surrounding tissues, was it efficient in every case, and in twelve cases of metrorrhagia due to the same causes it acted well in eight, in one the hæmorrhage was lessened but not stopped by twenty pills, and in the remaining three it was without success. In two cases of acute gonorrhœa of the uterine mucous membrane it yielded good results. In endometritis hæmorrhagica the result was favorable in five, in one doubtful and in the remaining two without effect. Fungous endometritis he believes best treated by curettement, and in one case of myoma the hæmorrhage promptly ceased only to return in the intervals. One woman pregnant four or five months was successfully treated for hæmorrhage without exciting pains. At times patients