

TREATMENT OF PRURITUS ANI.—Dr. A. Berger states, *Internat. Jour. of Surg.*, that the following method immediately relieves the itching and causes a rapid disappearance of the eczema of the perineum and scrotum which frequently exists in these cases: A cotton pledget 2 or 3 cm. ( $\frac{3}{4}$  to  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches) in length and steeped in a 2 per cent. solution of hydrochlorate of lime is introduced into the anus. This pledget is allowed to remain until there is a slightly smarting sensation, when it is immediately withdrawn and the anal region washed with the same solution, taking care not to wipe it off afterward.

At this season of the year, when radical and sudden thermal changes are the rule, it becomes of vital interest to the busy practitioner to have in compact, ready form, such approved medicaments as meet the analgesic and antithermic requirements of the bulk of his patients. As pertinent we call attention to the following combination tablets: "Antikamnia and Codeine," each containing  $4\frac{3}{4}$  gr. antikamnia and  $\frac{1}{4}$  gr. codeine, "Antikamnia and Quinine," each containing  $2\frac{1}{2}$  gr. antikamnia and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  gr. quinine, "Antikamnia and Salol," each containing  $2\frac{1}{2}$  gr. antikamnia and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  gr. salol, and "Antikamnia, Quinine and Salol," each containing 2 gr. antikamnia, 2 gr. quinine and 1 gr. salol. These, together with the well-known "Antikamnia Tablets," of varied sizes, and "Antikamnia Powdered," constitute indispensable factors in the armamentarium of the physician, and are more than ordinarily indicated in present climatic conditions.

HINTS FOR PRACTITIONERS.—The following "tips" are suggested by Dr. Cocksedge of Wales, in the *Medical Record*: If you have a fatiguingly deaf patient to talk to, place the ear-pieces of your binaural stethoscope in the patient's ears, and talk into the chest-piece, and you have an excellent ear-trumpet. If you leave your spectacles at home, being old and presbyopic, make a hole with a pin in the corner of your visiting card, and you can read your clinical thermometer or anything else.

DIGITALIS IN GOITRE.—The most efficacious medical treatment of goitre consists in the internal administration of digitalis and the local application of an iodide ointment. *Med. Week.* The

goitre diminishes in size, and even disappears, with astonishing rapidity. The favorable action of digitalis in hypertrophy of the thyroid is explainable by its influence on arterial tension; but this employment of the drug is not new, as it originated with Doctor Murray in 1776.

CARCINOMA.—There is no more important and sure sign of cancer than the adhesion of the skin over it; with the exception of tuberculous abscess there is no swelling in the breast that causes this early adhesion or dimpling of the skin. It may be a very early sign. It has been found well-marked over a small deep nodule, noted only five days before, and so freely movable that it could hardly be held steady to cut into it before removing the breast.

ASAFOETIDA FOR INSOMNIA.—A five-grain pill of asafoetida, exhibited after supper and repeated at bed-time, will often bring refreshing sleep. *Louisville Med. Monthly.* In mild delirium, and especially during the period of unrest that precedes an attack of delirium tremens, the injection, by rectum, of two ounces of mixture of assafoetida will, in many cases, produce the much-needed sleep, without recourse to the more dangerous narcotics.

A USEFUL THING TO KNOW.—To restore hardened rubber goods, all that is necessary is to soak them in a mixture of one part of ammonia with two parts of water. This does not injure the rubber in any way, and restores the elasticity. Usually, soaking from ten minutes to half an hour is quite sufficient. After drying, the whiteness may be restored by dusting well with chalk or kaolin.

AN ANTISEPTIC TOOTH-POWDER, as recommended by Le Gendre, is composed as follows:

R—Finely-powdered boric acid, . . .	40 grs.
Chlorate of potassium, . . .	32 grs.
Powder of guaiac, . . . . .	24 grs.
Prepared chalk, . . . . .	64 grs.
Powdered carbonate of magnesium, . . .	64 grs.
Essence of rose or mint, . . . . .	1 drop.

STRYCHNIA IN OBSTETRICAL PRACTICE.—Duff, *Jour. of the Am. Med. Assoc.*, advises the use of strychnia in doses of one-sixtieth to one-thirtieth of a grain three times daily during the latter part of pregnancy, and believes by following this prac-