

need not know that an operation is contemplated, there is none of the inhibitory effect upon digestion, caused by fear, that is so often observed in adults.

It is important to remember that children, especially in crowded, poor districts, sometimes have empyema without even complaining of chills or showing a rise of temperature, and that the disease is often so insidious as to lead simply to general ill-health long before the parents become alarmed at the child's condition. Any child that has become gradually run down in health should be stripped and carefully examined for empyema, when no other cause is evident.

TREATMENT OF HEMORRHOIDS.

Dr. J. P. Tuttle, as noted in *Amer. Med.*, believes that in many acute cases of internal hemorrhoids, local and general measures should be resorted to rather than operative procedures. Cold water enemas once or twice a day are of great benefit in order to produce an easy movement of the bowels, and to contract to some extent the blood vessels. Injections of mild non-irritating astringents, such as the fluid extract of krameria, fluid extract of hamamelis, or *Pinus Canadensis*, will have a very soothing and curative influence. Suppositories of ichthyol, tannic acid and belladonna are of great benefit, especially if there is an eroded condition of the parts. Resinous cathartics, such as podophyllin, aloin, gamboge, etc., irritate the parts and should not be used. Small doses of saline, laxatives, especially sodium phosphate before breakfast, followed after breakfast by a cold enema, will have splendid effect upon the liver, intestine and hemorrhoids.

TREATMENT OF SPRAINS.

A sprain is not unfrequently more troublesome to both patient and surgeon than a fracture. In the treatment of sprains, especially of the extremities, I have had very marked success by a very simple process. I mention a case as an example. A carpenter fell from a scaffold and severely sprained one ankle, but produced no fracture. He was conveyed home on a stretcher, and I was immediately called. I directed that his foot at once be put into water as hot as could be borne, and that as the temperature of the water might indicate that some of the water be taken out and this quantity replaced by hot water. His wife put him to bed and kept him upon his back with his foot in the