

The best method of disinfection, from the standpoint of efficiency, convenience, and cheapness, for bedding, clothing, and rooms of the sick, is steam of corrosive sublimate solution one per cent; walls and furniture should be washed with this solution, or one composed of equal parts of corrosive sublimate 1 to 100, and carbolic acid five per cent. Disinfection by this method does not expose a subsequent occupant of the room to danger.

ORCHITIS AND EPIDIDYMITIS. — Dr. Lowndes (*Lancet*) treats the above according to the method of Fourneaux Jordan, which consists in painting the testicle with a solution of nitrate of silver, two drachms to the ounce; at the same time strict rest is enforced. The pain is soon subdued, and the testicle returns to its normal size in a few days. Sometimes a second painting is necessary. Dr. Lowndes has treated 399 cases in this manner.

Rev. de Therap. gives the following simple treatment of *itch* :

R—Animal fat. 125 grammes ;
Benzine 30 “

Three or four frictions with the above ointment, followed by an alkaline bath.

The same authority gives the formula of Chauvin and Joriserine for *tuberculous hæmoptysis* :

R—Iodoform, gr. $\frac{3}{4}$
Extract of gentian or of liquorice, q. s. M. ft. pil.
S. Three to five pills per diem.

Or better :

R—Iodoform, gr. $\frac{3}{4}$
Tannic acid, gr. $1\frac{1}{2}$
Excipient, gr. $1\frac{1}{2}$ M.

In an interesting work the authors form the following conclusion : Iodoform is a powerful and rapid hæmostatic remedy. Relapses are rare. Iodoform has relieved where ergot has failed.

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION meets at St. Louis, September, 11, 12, 13. The programme includes many papers and discussions of importance. The first day will be given to the discussion of abdominal surgery, the second to infant feeding and some obstetric subject. The third day will be taken up with volunteer papers and some neurological subject. The society cordi-

ally invites all members of the profession to be present.

NEW DODGE IN ADVERTISING. — We take the following from the *Med. Record* :—

The following curious items appeared in the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, under the head of Births :

“FLAMIN—Saturday, the 9th inst., at 8:15 a. m., to the wife of D. W. Flamin, of College Hill, a ten-pound boy. Thanks to Dr. Wallingford, of Cincinnati.

“GALLION—June 5th, to Mrs. Nona Gallion, of Liberty Street, a nine-pound girl. Thanks to Dr. Wallingford.”

One would suppose that Messrs. Flamin and Gallion would claim some thanks.

GENERAL ANTIDOTE FOR POISONS.—The following is given by the *Am. Jour. of Pharmacy* as a general formula :—Equal parts of calcined magnesia, wood charcoal, and hydrated oxide of iron, with a sufficient quantity of water. It is, as a harmless and simple remedy, applicable in such cases when the nature of the poison is unknown. As an antidote for iodoform, Behring recommends a twenty per cent. solution of bicarbonate of sodium.

THE ÆTIOLGY OF AORTIC ANEURISM.—Karl Malmsten (*Berlin. Klin. Woch.*) has collected information regarding all the cases of the above affection occurring in Sweden during the last fifty years. His analysis goes to show that in 80 per cent. of all cases, the cause was syphilis, and in 20 per cent. senile degenerative change in the artery. Traumatism and microbic diseases thus appear rarely to lead to aortic aneurism.

ANTINEURALGIC FORMULA.—The *Pharm. Rec.* gives the following formula :

R Menthol gr. xii.
Cocaine gr. iv.
Chloral gr. ii.
Vaseline gr. lxxv.

M.—Ft. ung. Sig.—Apply to the painful parts and cover with muslin. It is said to be especially useful in periopital pains and in ophthalmic hemi-crania.

CARBUNCLE.—Mr. Quintin McLennan, of Glasgow, writes the *Br. Med. Jour.* that he is decidedly in favor of sulphide of calcium with carbo-