

A FATAL PRESCRIPTION.

The recent death in Germany of a child as the result of taking a prescription containing an incompatible and dangerous compound, viz., chlorate of potash and iodide of iron, deserves the attention of all practitioners. The iron was precipitated in the form of the sesquioxide, and all the iodine liberated. The following formula will illustrate the chemical changes which took place in the medicine: $2 \text{FeI}_2 \times \text{KClO}_3 = \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 \times \text{KCl} \times 4\text{I}$.—*Med. and Surg. Journal*.

THE USE OF BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY IN OBSTETRICS.

Blanc (*Lyon Médicale*, No. 34, 1888) concludes from numerous clinical observations that solutions of 1 : 4000 and 1 : 5000 should be generally used. If 1 : 2000 is given by intra-uterine injection, it should be followed by the injection of carbolic acid, 2 or 3 per cent. The danger of absorption, from the anatomical condition of the parts is undoubted. Contra-indications to the use of the bichloride are anæmia and disease of the kidneys.—*American Journal Medical Sciences*.

FOR MENORRHAGIA.

R. Fl. ex. ergot. ss.
Tr. catechu. iss.

Misce.—S. Teaspoonful in sweetened water every 1 to 3 hours, as needful.

If undue irritability exist, causing uterine pain and febrile action,

R. Pulv. opii. grs. v.
Plumbi. acet. grs. xx.

M. Ft. Ch. No. x.

One to be given every second to fourth hour with preceding.

After a long experience with catechu, I place more dependence upon it in these uterine flows than any other astringent.

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Stuebenville, Ohio. —*Med. Summary*.

FOR ACUTE RHEUMATISM.

R. Acidi salicyli. ℥ ss.
Sodii bicarb. ℥ iij.
Spts. lavender co. ℥ j.
Tr. aurantii cort. ℥ iss.
Glycerine. ℥ j.
Peppermint or cinnamon water, ad. ℥ vj.

M. Sig.—One to two teaspoonfuls every 2 or 3 hours. Further diluted to suit the cases.

This is an excellent formula for the administration of salicylic acid—when indicated. Iodide, bicarbonate, acetate potash, colchicum, cicicifuga, gelsemium, etc., may be added.

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Bardstown, Ky. —*Med. Summary*.

CREOLIN AS AN ANTISEPTIC.

If creolin be as sure a germicide as the authorities now state, it must soon supersede the bichloride. It is harmless to the human organism; is cheap, and does not corrode instruments. It is used in one-half to three per cent. solutions.—*Med. Summary*.

Dr. I. N. Love, of St. Louis, says: Infants should be guarded against constipation, and to this end nothing surpasses the following:

R. Tr. nuxis vom. f ʒ ss.
Tr. belladonnæ. gtt. xv.
Aloin. gr. ss.
Alcohol. f ʒ j.
Elix. lactopeptine. f ʒ j.
Glycerine. f ʒ iij.
Syr. simpl. f ʒ ss. M.

Sig.—Teaspoonful at bed time, or if need be, twice daily.—*Med. Summary*.

THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW, LONDON, 1889.

At the Royal Courts of Justice, as soon as the function of 'swearing in' was over, the new Lord Mayor and his predecessor, accompanied by their sheriffs and swordbearers, left the court and made as if they would rejoin the procession in the Strand. In the crypt, however, there stands a refreshment bar. Mayors are but mortal, and the fatigues which these men had undergone had proved to be as much as they could bear. So, regardless of the procession that stood in the street outside, regardless also of the officials who awaited them in the Central Hall, these great ones from the city stopped to regale themselves with sandwiches and brandy and Apollinaris. Then they rejoined their companions, and proceeded in state.—*Pall Mall Gazette*, London, Nov. 11, 1889.

NEW YORK POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL.

The executive committee of this institution have established a clinic for diseases of the rectum, to be under the care of Dr. Charles B. Kelsey, for the treatment of poor persons suffering from these diseases. Dr. Kelsey will also give clinical instructions in the Post-Graduate School on this subject.

It is believed that this is the first institution in New York city to organize such a clinic, which has been long needed. The high and wide reputation of Dr. Kelsey, founded upon years of special work, will afford a guarantee that the cases will be skillfully treated. Dr. J. Blair Gibbs will assist Dr. Kelsey in this new departure.