

THE TREATMENT OF ASTHMA—I divide cases into acute and chronic. In the *former*, marked by the most severe and urgent symptoms, I give carbonate of ammonia (5 grains), iodide of sodium (2 grains), tincture of belladonna (10 minims), and medium doses of aloës every hour or two. I also prescribe a ten-grain powder of antifebrin to be taken first. Asthma being, pathologically considered, a venous stasis in the bronchial tract, the ammonia, antifebrin, and sodic iodide flush the veins by their fibrin-solvent and liquefying action; the ammonia and belladonna stimulate the heart and dilate the peripheral capillaries; and the aloës act as a derivative of the blood-current toward the intestines and away from the bronchial tract. In the *chronic* form, marked by much less urgency, and generally accompanied by a degree of chronic bronchitis, I find astringent iron preparations, with full doses of belladonna, answer well.—*Satellite*.

NIGHT-TERRORS occur usually, but not invariably, in delicate neurotic children. The direct cause is usually undue stimulation of the brain, or of the imagination, by exciting stories, unkind treatment, a visit to the zoological gardens, or overpressure at school. By far the most common cause, the author believes, is constipation, often slight but persistent, the stools being hard and dry, and usually of light color. The error in the management of these cases is the use of sedative treatment, the constipation being neglected. The neurotic element alone being recognized, bromides are prescribed, often with good effect for the time. The cause being allowed to remain, the relief is in many cases temporary.—*Cheadle—Practitioner*.

ATROPINE IN LEAD COLIC.—Dr. F. Rowland Humphreys reports in *The Lancet* for November 21st, 1891, a number of cases of lead poisoning treated successfully with sulphate of atropine and iodide of potassium. The author concludes that in lead poisoning atropine in full doses (1) relieves the colic and the pain in the head in the most rapid manner; (2) it keeps the bowels freely open; (3) it assists in the return of the bodily powers; (4) it assists, directly or indirectly, in the removal of the lead by iodide of potassium.—*N. Y. Medical Record*.

SOLUTION OF THE FOUR CHLORIDES.—Formula of Dr. W. Goodell (*Am. Jour. Phar.*):

R. Hydrarg. bichlor. corros. gr. j.
Liq. Arsenici chl. m℥viii.
Tinct. ferri chloridi
Acidi hydrochlorici dil. aa ʒiv.
Syrupus zingiberis q. s. ad, ʒiij.

M. Sig.—One-half to one teaspoonful in water after meals.

This preparation is being prescribed quite frequently, and several formulæ disagreeing with each other have been published. The above is an exact copy of the formula recently received direct from Dr. Goodell.—*Weekly Medical Review*.

INFLUENZA COLDS.—Few remedies are more reliable, and act better as a preventive, or lessen the distressing symptoms of an influenza cold, than the following mixture:

R Sodii salicylas ʒjss.
Liq. ammon. acet ʒij.
Aq. camph. ad ʒvj.
Misce. Capt.: ʒss. omnis 3tiis horis.

If this be taken every two or three hours, when the first symptoms of cold come on, it will usually ward off the attack.—*British and Colonial Druggist*.

FOR sciatica, Dr. Starr ("*Nervous Diseases*") suggests:

R. Tinct. colchici,
Tinct. cimicifugæ,
Tinct. aconiti,
Tinct. belladonnae. aa mʒ¼. M.

Sig.—One dose.

—*College and Clinical Record*.

SOLUTIONS of sublimate, heated to the temperature of 37° 8' C. (100° F.) or over, have their antiseptic properties rendered more energetic by the elevation in temperature; thus a solution of 1 : 1000 will, under these conditions, possess a germicidal action equal to a cold solution of 1 : 500.—*Medical Age*.

QUININE cost \$20.00 per ounce in 1823, and \$3.00 in 1853; \$3.70 in 1878; while now it costs from 18½ to 24 cents.

SALICYLIC ACID is said to cause a marked diminution in virile power.