

ant to lay up store of food for its young ; and of the migratory bird to seek its nutriment in new climates. For myself, I dare not oppose this divine sense in a thirsty patient any more than I would oppose the instinct of the infant to take from its mother's breast the material it needs for its growth. . . Thirst does not mean that the mouth, or throat, or stomach, merely want water poured over or into them, but that the hand, the foot, the brain, the body and all its members, need water. The thirst corresponds, Carpenter says, "to the excess of demand in the system over the supply afforded by the blood, and it is caused to abate by the introduction of the requisite material into the circulating fluid, even though this is not accomplished in the usual manner by the ingestion of food or drink into the stomach."—*Louisville Medical News*.

Treatment of Anal Fissure.—Dr. Hamon informs us, in *Le Praticien*, that instead of employing forcible dilatation, he applies to the fissure, with a camel-hair brush, a solution consisting of one part of chloroform to two parts of alcohol. Two or three applications, at intervals of two or three days, usually suffice to effect a cure. The first application is very painful, but each subsequent one becomes less so.

Jaborandi in Mumps.—Dr. Testa states in *Il Morgagni*, that he has employed this remedy in the form of infusion in five cases, and draws from his practice the following conclusions: 1. Jaborandi is an efficient remedy in mumps. 2. The efficacy is explained by its hydragogue, and especially its sialagogue properties. 3. Administered early it will prevent the development of the affection. 4. It may prevent the metastases which are not infrequent.

Removal of Small Calculi.—According to a writer in *Le Progrés Medical*, calculi of small size can be removed by ordering the patient to lie flat upon the belly. The stones then fall into the anterior portion of the bladder. He is then to gently get on "all fours" and urinate while in that position. The calculi, not being allowed to fall back into the depression behind the prostate, will often be passed in the act of micturition.