

between the menses, attention must be given to dilating the uterine cavity. The sound must be used and left some minutes *in situ*; or recourse may be had to Simpson's instrument, an extreme means which we are sometimes obliged to employ. We should return to catheterism at certain intervals, even after a cure. In one of my patients you have seen, in fact, the menses disappear some months after the treatment had been interrupted. Simpson recommends dividing the internal orifice, Oldham the external, in the last two kinds of dysmenorrhœa. But could we be certain in every case of arresting the hæmorrhage?

The mechanic form of dysmenorrhœa is mitigated by catheterism. Does the same good result follow in cases where there is exfoliation of the mucous membrane? Let us say that this last affection is extremely obstinate, and may be considered beyond the resources of art; at least we possess no established or efficacious method. Would it not be beneficial to use injections into the uterine cavity of a nature to modify the state of that cavity? Could we not endeavour to diminish the too intense congestion of the organ. A circumstance pointed out by Oldham, and which I believe to be true, is the frequent production of retroversion of the uterus, as a sequela of these kinds of dysmenorrhœa,—the chronic inflammations which they occasion giving rise to adhesions and thus to retroversion. If these facts are common, as this author says, and as I believe, it would be a new reason for active interference in the treatment of cases of this kind.

THERAPEUTICAL RECORD.

Diarrhœa and Dysentery.—Take of sweet gum bark (*Liquidamber styraciflua*) in coarse powder, five ounces; sugar, 2 pounds; water, a sufficient quantity. Moisten the bark thoroughly with water, let it stand 24 hours in a close vessel, then transfer it to a percolator, and throw water gradually until a pint of filtered liquor is obtained. To this add the sugar in a bottle, and occasionally agitate until it is dissolved. Dose, one fluid ounce after each dejection.

Dysmenorrhœa.—Tinct. of veratrum viride. Begin two days before the expected period and give three drops every three hours, and increase each succeeding dose by one drop until nausea comes on, and then reduce the dose again to three or four drops.

Encuresis.—R ext. belladonnæ ext. hyoseyami aa, gr. xvi; sacch. alb 3i; mist. camph 5 iss. Take a teaspoonful at bed-time. In obstinate cases the dose may be repeated two or three times in the same night. One case where the disease had continued from early childhood to the age of 17, was permanently cured by a week's use of the above prescription.

Ascules.—Rousseau recommends, as suppositories: 1. tannin, butter of cocoa, 1 part; melt the butter and mix the powder well in it. Then run it into proper moulds. 2. Bismut. mercury, 4 centig; butter of cocoa, 4 gram. Melt, mix and mould as above. Also as injections.