

out the fact that such cases occur in clusters in cold and damp weather. This cause operated in 8 of his cases. In a few mental depression seemed to be the cause. In 8 cases no apparent cause was detected.

As regards the results of the chloral treatment, it is necessary to premise that in most of the cases which, as is usual in Germany, were in the practice of midwives, a variety of treatment had previously been practised. Such were sitz baths, full baths, warm vaginal douches, sinapisms, morphia, Dover's powders, ipecacuanha, &c. In 14 cases the uterine action was changed very quickly; in 17 cases, in two or three hours; in 7 after a longer time; in 4 cases it was ultimately necessary to use chloroform. In his earlier experience Dr. S. used chloral hydrate alone, but subsequently added a small dose of acetate of morphia. From this combination he obtained better and speedier results. (*Zeitschrift für Geburtshülfe und Gynakologie*, Band VII., Heft i., 1881.)

*The Treatment of Mammary Abscess.*—Dr. Hiram Corson, of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, in a paper published in the January (1881) number of the *American Journal of Obstetrics*, strongly advocates the use of ice in the treatment of this (as every experienced accoucher knows) at times most troublesome affection. Dr. Corson's experience of the remedy extends over 27 years of general practice. He does not confine the application of the remedy to the so-called congestive cases, but after suppuration, and even after evacuation of the pus, still uses it, believing that it alleviates pain and heat, and lessens the extent of the disease more effectually than any other remedy. The method of application is by ice-cold water cloths, or what is much better, a bladder or rubber bag filled with ice and enough water to float it. This remedy well deserves a trial. There is no good reason why it should not be as valuable in this as in other inflammations, glandular and visceral, in which the experience of continental (chiefly German) physicians has long ago demonstrated its efficacy.

*On a New Method of Performing Ovariectomy.*—This is the title of a paper by Dr. Noeggerath in the *New York Medical*