

Goldschmidt has treated several serious cases of whooping-cough complicated with pneumonia, completely curing them in a fortnight by the daily administration of bromoform. Dr. Stepp concludes from his observations that under bromoform treatment bronchial catarrh and lobular pneumonia do not generally occur, and that where they exist at the commencement of the treatment resolution takes place with facility and at an earlier period than under other methods of treatment. His observations showed also that the dose of bromoform must be in direct proportion to the severity of the affection and the age of the patient. The system does not seem to become accustomed to the drug, which has, moreover, considerable prophylactic power, so that the other children of a family in which whooping-cough in an advanced stage already exists can be shielded from the disease by being given bromoform. Dr. Stepp believes that bromoform is either excreted unaltered by the lungs or is separated into its elements, and that the free bromine is excreted by the lungs. In this way an effect on the bacilli of whooping cough could be easily supposed to result.

HABITUAL CONSTIPATION :

R—Aloina,

Ext. nucis vom.,

Ferri sulph.,

Pulv. ipecac.,

Pulv. myrrha,

Saponis,

aa gr. ½.

M.—F. Pil.

Sig.—One pill to be taken half an hour before last meal of the day. (Sir A. Clark.)—*The Medical Summary.*

IODOFORM IN MALIGNANT PUSTULE.—Dr. E. Rinonapoli (*Bolletino della R. Acad. Med.-Ch di Napoli*, No. 3, 1889), gives particulars of several cases of malignant pustule treated by the subcutaneous injection of a solution of iodoform in ether. Dr. Rinonapoli began this method in 1886, some thirteen months before Senger's work on the antiparasitic action of iodoform appeared. The method employed is that of several injections into and around the seat of the pustule of a 10 per cent. solution of iodoform in ether.

The pain attending the injections is of severe burning character, but soon passes off. The beneficial effects are rapid in their appearance. In three or four hours after the injections, even in advanced cases, the fever lessens, the swelling round the pustule disappears, the tongue becomes clean, and the patient is able to sleep and to take food. The treatment appears to be of distinctly specific character, and to arrest at once the growth and multiplication of the charbon bacillus. If applied at the outset of the attack, the effect is said to be almost magical.

SURGEON CRIMMIN AND THE VICTORIA CROSS.—The Queen has been pleased to bestow the rare distinction of the Victoria Cross upon Surgeon John Crimmin, L.K.Q.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., of the Bombay Medical Service, for the following act of bravery:—"Lieutenant Tighe, 27th Bombay Infantry (to the Mounted Infantry to which corps Surgeon Crimmin was attached), states that in the action near Lwekaw, Eastern Karenni, on Jan. 1st last, four men charged with him into the midst of a large body of the enemy who were moving off from the Karen left flank, and two men fell to the ground wounded. He saw Surgeon Crimmin attending one of the men about 200 yards to the rear. Karens were round the party in every direction, and he saw several fire at Surgeon Crimmin and the wounded man. A sepoy then galloped up to Surgeon Crimmin, and the latter joined the fighting line which then came up. Lieutenant Tighe further states that very shortly afterwards they were engaged in driving the enemy from small clumps of trees and bamboo, in which the Karens took shelter. Near one of these clumps he saw Surgeon Crimmin attending a wounded man. Several Karens rushed out at him. Surgeon Crimmin thrust his sword through one of them and attacked a second; a third Karen then dropped from the fire of a sepoy, upon which the remaining Karens fled."

COCOANUT AS A TÆNICIDE.—Parisi, of Athens, reports several cases in which the endocarp of the cocoanut acted as an efficient tænicide. No preparatory treatment is necessary. The patient drinks