

WOMAN'S MILK AND ANTITOXIN.—Schmid (*Wiener Klin. Woch.*, No. 42, 1896) concludes, from a series of observations, that the protective material taken up in the mother's blood during the treatment passes into the milk, though in smaller relative proportions. It is a known fact, Schmid remarks, that sucklings rarely contract diphtheria. He insists that in association with the subject of antitoxin treatment of mothers with diphtheria, it is necessary to ascertain how long the infants' blood naturally resists the diphtheritic poison.—*Times and Register*.

INSTANT RELIEF OF AFTER-PAINS.—In many cases a nice warm meal is better than any medicine; still, where the pains are exhaustingly severe, we may turn to amyl nitrite. This potent drug is a very efficient controller of after-pains, and, used cautiously, no harm need be apprehended from it. A neat way of using it is to saturate a small piece of tissue paper with five or six drops, stuff this into a two-drachm vial, and request the patient to draw the cork and inhale the odor when she feels the pain coming. It acts with magical celerity.—*American Journal of Obstetrics*.

A LOTION FOR ACNE PUNCTATA.—Dr. A. Malbec (*Province Médicale*, November 28th, 1896) recommends this formula:

R Borax,	} each	10 parts.
Sodium bicarbonate,		
Ether.....		20 "
Rose-water.....		300 "

M. To be used after pressing out the contents of the follicles and in conjunction with frictions twice a day with sulphur soap and very hot water.—*V. Y. Medical Journal*.

A NEW TEST FOR ALBUMIN.—Reagents for the detection of albumin in the urine must be colorless, and must reveal the presence of albumin even when the amount is too small for quantitative estimation. Dr. Jolles has published a new and delicate test, consisting of:

Chloride of mercury	10 grammes.
Succinic acid	20 "
Common salt	10 "
Distilled water.....	500 "

In the process of testing, 4 c.c. of the filtered urine are mixed with 1 c.c. of acetic acid, and 4 c.c. of the above reagent are added with shaking. In a second glass similar quantities of urine and acetic acid are mixed with pure water instead of with the reagent. This test yields a cloudiness of albumin in cases in which the ordinary tests fail to give any result at all.—*The Lancet*.