

BIER'S PASSIVE HYPEREMIA IN MASTITIS.

In carrying out this method of treatment, which has been giving excellent results in puerperal mastitis, Dr. Mueller advises that the use of small suction cups should be avoided, the largest possible in the individual case being selected. He believes that failures are attributed to this cause. In his practice this treatment has proved particularly useful, first, in typical cases of acute mastitis in which, if employed early, it arrests the process, prevents abscess formation, and rapidly relieves pain. Secondly, it has been of value in shortening the treatment in abscess cases after the removal of the pus through multiple small incisions, which can be done under local anesthesia. Its other advantages are that it can be carried out either in the physician's office or at the patient's home and the cosmetic results are excellent. Third, in cases subacute mastitis the disappearance of the infiltration is promoted and the cosmetic results are better, since in place of the otherwise large incisions the pus can be evacuated through several small punctures.-International Journal of Surgery.

