

## ACUTE CATARRH OF THE STOMACH OR VOMITING OF PREGNANCY.

The following may be used :

R Phenate of cocaine . . . . . gr.  $\frac{3}{4}$   
 Subnitrate of bismuth . . . . . " xxx.

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Sig.—Make into five powders. Take one powder each morning, or, in the case of gastralgia, one hour before the time for the habitual attack of pain.—*International Medical Annual*.

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF SODIUM SALICYLATE IN ACUTE RHEUMATISM.

When for any reason sodium salicylate cannot be given by the mouth in acute rheumatism, Lémanski gives it in the form of a suppository, fifteen grains, with enough coca butter to make it up. One to be used five or six times a day.—*Lyon Médicale*. J.A.A.

## THE USE OF ICE IN ASTHMA.

Dr. Sangree has succeeded in cutting short a spasm in a severe attack of bronchial asthma by applying ice over the course of the pneumogastric nerve at the root of the neck. Five minutes after the application the spasm relaxed completely, and the patient slept, after having been four days without sleep.—*Bul. Gen. de Thérapéut*. J.A.A.

## RAPID MANUAL DILATATION OF THE OS UTERI.

In a paper read before the Section on Obstetrics, Pan-American Medical Congress (*American Journal of Obstetrics*), Dr. P. A. Harris, of Philadelphia, gave a description of a manual method of effecting rapid and extensive dilatation of the os uteri for parturient purposes, and described its advantages, especially in the treatment of placenta previa. He confines the employment of his method to cases of advanced pregnancy, when it is desirable to effect a prompt delivery. He presupposes the possibility of the full introduction of the index finger to its large diameter without much delay or difficulty.

The woman being anesthetized, he inserts the index finger to its largest diameter, the hand having followed in the vagina. The finger is then withdrawn so that its tip merely enters the os, and then the tip of the thumb is passed in beside the finger. When the tips of both index finger and thumb are thus within the ring, he keeps the index and second fingers (the second finger being sharply flexed) close together to form a notch from which the os-uterine ring cannot easily escape. The straightened and extended thumb, resting on the outer lateral half of the index finger,