

Iodoform internally in goitre, is spoken favourably of by Boechat in the *Corres für Schweizer Aerzte*, No. 1, 1882, (quoted by the *London Medical Record*). In soft goitres of recent date it is said to be especially serviceable.

In my father's practice iodoform internally had a remarkably good effect in a case of goitre occurring in a young lady about 17 years of age. The tumor gradually disappeared, and I have seen no return of it in the last seven or eight years.

#### THE TREATMENT OF EPILEPSY.

Although there is much satisfaction in using a remedy alone, yet we find in many instances an advantage to be derived by the mixture of several different agents capable of producing the same effect in different ways. For example, iron and quinine, are, when combined, a more excellent tonic than either one alone. It has long been claimed that a combination of bromides makes more headway against epilepsy than bromide of potassium alone. The experience of Brown Sequard was to this effect, and his formula\* is in constant use in the present day. In the *Journal de Med. de Paris*, January 21st, 1882, Prof. Ball recommends the use of the alkaline bromides, particularly those of ammonium and sodium, with belladonna and oxide of zinc. He administers these bromides of each 10 parts in 300 of water, commencing with teaspoonful-doses four times a day, and increasing up to eight or ten doses daily, if the treatment is not followed by improvement within a few days. The belladonna and the oxide of zinc are given in pill form, 15 grains of each being made up into forty pills, and of these, two are taken daily, one in the morning and one in the evening; four pills can be given daily in rebellious cases without causing any inconvenience. For many reasons he prefers this double salt to the other bromides; it does not produce the headache or torpor generally following the prolonged use of the bromide of potassium, and even when a cure is not produced the double bromide diminishes the fre-

\* Take Potass. Iodid., one drachm; Potass. Bromid., one ounce; Ammon. Bromid., two-and-a-half drachms; Pot. Bicarb., two scruples; Infus. Calumbæ, six ounces; Mix. — One drachm before each meal, and three drachms at bed-time.

quency and intensity of the attacks, even in cases where the bromide of potassium has failed. The eruption following the use of the potassium salt is rarely seen when the double bromides are used.

#### CASES IN PRACTICE.

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#### CHRONIC GONORRHOEA.

Mr. A. J. took very sick one morning and sent for me. He gave me his age as 19 years, which I think was about correct. His temperature was 103° F.; pulse 101 per minute. There was a good deal of tenderness in the left iliac region. I found, on enquiry, that he had been afflicted with gonorrhœa for nearly two years. During this time he had received his share of treatment. A few days previous to the date of my visit, he had been drinking some, though his habits are steady. This had set up an acute attack out of the chronic one already existing. I gave him a saline laxative and the following mixture:—Pot bromidi  $\zeta$ iv, Tr. gelsemii  $\zeta$ ii, liq. ammon. acetat  $\zeta$ ii, aquæ ad  $\zeta$ viii,  $\zeta$ ss. three times a day. In a few days he was out of bed and came to my office. He told me that the stream of water had been gradually getting smaller for a considerable time. I found there was commencing stricture, and that there had always been a thick mucous, and often a purulent discharge from the urethra, in spite of medication. I at once adopted the syphon treatment, which I described in the *CANADIAN JOURNAL OF MEDICAL SCIENCE*, for July, 1881. After the fourth day all discharge ceased; but washing of the urethra was continued for ten days, morning and evening. Catheters were then passed at each sitting daily for one week, ranging from No. 6 to No. 10. He has now been free from all trouble, both with regard to the discharge and threatened stricture, for a period of rather more than two months.

#### SICK HEADACHE.

Mrs. B. has been a victim to this trying infirmity for about eight years; but for the last