

### An Antineuralgic Ointment.

The *Gazette hebdomadaire de médecine et de chirurgie* for February 27th ascribes the following to G. Menier :

R Extract of belladonna,	} of each.... 180 grains;
Petrolatum,	
Powdered opium.....	30 "
Perfume, with essence of thyme.....	q.s.

M. Rub in thrice daily; the frictions should last for from five to ten minutes and be desisted from so soon as the face blanches.—*New York Medical Journal*.

### On Simultaneous Ectopic and Intrauterine Pregnancy.

Hanna Ch. Vilsin (*Mittheil. aus der Gyn. Klinik in Helsingfors; Ref. Centralbl. fuer Gyn.*, January 11, 1902).—By a careful study of the literature—going back to the eleventh century—the author was able to collect sixty-eight unimpeachable cases of this condition, to which he adds one observation of his own. Some of the most interesting results of his painstaking investigations are the following: In twenty cases both children reached entirely or almost full term. Interruption of the intrauterine pregnancy has a by far slighter effect upon the further development of the extrauterine pregnancy than *vice versa*. Disturbances in the blood circulation in close neighborhood of the uterus, caused by the rupture or abortion of the pregnant tube, are in many cases responsible for the premature interruption of the intrauterine pregnancy. In twenty-five cases the ectopic fetus reached full term. This fact is striking. Engstrom does not consider this a mere accident, but believes that the increased afflux of blood to the pelvis, on account of the intrauterine pregnancy, improves at the same time the blood supply of the pregnant tube, thus promoting the development of the ectopic fetus. The diagnosis is always very difficult. During the first three months the diagnosis will be either intrauterine pregnancy complicated by pyosalpinx, or simple extrauterine pregnancy, the uterus always being somewhat enlarged in this condition. In a later stage it will be more than difficult to avoid the wrong diagnosis of a retroflexion of the pregnant uterus or intrauterine pregnancy complicated by ovarian tumor or pyosalpinx. The treatment of this condition is, of course, identical with that of ectopic pregnancy in general. [The possibility of such a condition may prevent those who are too ready with the use of the uterine sound from using it for a diagnostic purpose in cases of suspected ectopic pregnancy.—Ed.]—*Interstate Medical Journal*.