

reflex action, in the same manner as are uterine contractions during labour, after chloroform has been administered.

The conclusion of his able and patriotic article should be written in letters of gold, as we are sure they must be on the hearts of the people of the United States. We give them entire:

"These observations and reflections have been made during the intervals taken from a business still pressing at a time of life when most men desire repose. They are given to the cause of American nationality, and may claim to be at least an old surgeon's offering on the altar of his country. The flag of our Union—the glorious stars and stripes—has repeatedly protected me in foreign lands beneath its broad folds, and if what I have written here shall be in any measure successful in preventing the sufferings and prolonging the lives of that noble army, who are now serving under my country's banner, I shall receive my reward."

We will reserve our remarks on Dr. Bumstead's excellent article for our next.

In conclusion, we feel that we would be doing the publishers injustice, were we not to allude to the superior manner this book has been put forth by them. It would do credit even to the city of London.

VERATRUM VIRIDE IN THE TREATMENT OF CHOREA.

By T. H. Swan, M. D., Embro, C. W.—In May last I was called to see Miss C—, æt 15, an anæmic looking girl, whom I found much prostrated. She had been ill for some weeks and the chorea had come on gradually without ascertainable cause. Menstruation had been established over a year and was quite regular, the bowels were slightly constipated, urine normal, and pulse rapid but soft.

Having prescribed laxatives and tonics for a short time her general health became improved, but the chorea remained unaffected. On the 2nd of June, all other medicines being left off, I put the patient upon five minim doses of Saunders' fluid extract of veratrum viride three times a day, at which time the pulse was 90.

On the 3rd, there was a marked improvement in the convulsive movements, the patient being able to remain still for nearly a minute: pulse 60: medicine to be continued.

On the 4th, patient much better, able to feed herself, which she had not done since the beginning of last April: pulse 68: the remedy to be given four times a day.

On the 5th, movements almost entirely ceased: the medicine is causing irritation of the stomach: to return to three doses daily.

On the 7th, pulse 65: great improvement: to take the remedy but twice a day.

On the 11th, pulse 70: the veratrum to be discontinued, and quinine and iron to be substituted.

On the 20th, patient recovered. Sept. 4th, three months later, patient still quite well, and become the picture of health.

SPTS. TURPENTINE IN HÆMATURIA.—Mr. Holt, in speaking of hæmaturia and its treatment by means of spts. turpentine, remarks: The more I employ it, the more I feel satisfied with the use of turpentine, in ten or fifteen minim doses, in the cases complicated by hemorrhage from the bladder. It frequently acts at once, even in cases where both gallic acid and the muriated tincture of iron have

been employed without benefit; and I think the drug deserves a more general recognition by the profession.—*Lancet.*

To Correspondents.

Preservation of Chloroform.—Chloroform when exposed to a strong light is apt to become decomposed, hydrochloric acid and free chlorine being developed. When thus contaminated it may be purified by means of a small quantity of caustic soda. Any chloroform indeed will remain sweet if a few small pieces of this alkali be kept in the bottle with it. *Halle's Therap.* We have found washing the chloroform with water a very good mode of purifying it. *Ed.*

Camphire.—Spirits turpentine, four fluid ounces; spirits of wine, (rectified spirits) sixteen fluid ounces: mix.

Medical Works published in Great Britain, from the 1st October to the 1st November, 1864, with their size, number of pages, London publishers' names, and prices in sterling.

- Fox (Edwin)—*Skin Diseases*. Their description, Pathology, Diagnosis, and Treatment; with a Copious Formulary. 8vo. pp. 312 (Hurdwick) 2s. 6d.
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Books and Pamphlets received.

Proceedings of the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Ohio State Medical Society held at Ohio White Sulphur Springs, June 1864. From E. B. Stevens, M. D., Cincinnati. On the Diseases of the Throat and Windpipe, as reflected by the Laryngoscope, with their Diagnosis and Treatment. By George D. Gibb, M. D. 2nd edit. post 8vo. pp. 568. J. Churchill & Sons, 1864.

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DEATH.

In this city on the 28th October last Thomas Walter Jones Esq., M. D. Deeply regretted by all who knew him, and to none more than by the sick poor, to whom he was ever kind and considerate.

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