

LEPROSY AND SYPHILIS.—The answers received from medical men whose practice has brought them into contact with leprosy, by the Royal College of Physicians as to the relationship existing between leprosy and syphilis, are not such as will settle the question. Twelve regard the two diseases as intimately connected, while twenty-one think there is no relationship between them. The question as to the contagiousness of leprosy, is also left open, thirteen being certain it is contagious, and thirty-four being equally certain that it is not at all contagious.

MORE COUGHING THAN IS NECESSARY.—Dr. Rumbold (*Maryland Med. Jour.*) says that many patients cough more often than they need do, and that the number of coughs may be greatly lessened by asking that a record shall be kept, as by marking on a card, of the number of coughs in the 24 hours. He has known patients to reduce the number of efforts 75 per cent., and always with advantage to the cough and the patient.

PERSISTENT DIARRHŒA.—The following formula is a favorite one (*L'Union Med.*) with Trosseau for diarrhœa, which has resisted other treatment :—

R.—Powdered ipecac. gr. viij.
 Extract of opium,
 Calomel, āā gr. iss.

To make twenty pills.

The dose, one to three pills daily, is continued for a week or longer.

ANTISEPTIC PAPER DRESSING.—Dr. Perez recommends, says the *Lancet*, a simplified antiseptic dressing, made of bibulous paper, soaked in a solution of carbolic acid, boracic acid, or corrosive sublimate. This is placed over the wound in about eight layers, covered with Mackintosh, and the whole secured by a rubber bandage. The writer claims for this dressing the advantages of cheapness and portability, and thinks it would be useful in field and small hospitals.

STERILITY FROM TEA-DRINKING.—Dr. Davies (*Therap. Gaz.*) says that tea-drinking undoubtedly acts in the direction of producing sterility in females. He calls attention to the fact that the Druidic College, of the 12th century, considered tannin the most potent of all the products of nature in producing this condition.

SUPRA-PUBIC LITHOTOMY.—Mr. Thomas Smith reports a case of supra-pubic lithotomy, in which the stone which had an oxalate nucleus, coated with phosphate, weighed 24½ ounces, and measured 13 inches in its largest, and 9½ inches in its smallest circumference. The patient, a soldier, æt. 43, made a good recovery.

TEMPERATURE IN CHILDREN.—Ringer states that in healthy children the temperature falls at midnight to about 97° F, or even 96°. Some robust adults have a similar course of temperature during the 24 hours, to children, while others have a smaller cycle, the highest and lowest temperature being less.

SEVERED DIGITS.—We have noticed several reports of the perfect reunion of fingers and toes after complete severance by sharp cutting instruments. The experiment should be tried in suitable cases, though it must of course more often fail than succeed.

NÆVUS.—Dr. Beatty, (*Brit. Med. Jour.*) reports eight cases of nævus cured, painlessly and entirely, in from three to five weeks, by painting the affected spot twice a day with liquor arsenicalis, until ulceration occurred.

PHOSPHATES IN PHTHISIS.—Dujardin-Beaumetz recommends the following to improve the nutrition in phthisis :—R. Sodii phosphat., ꝓjss.; potassa phosphat., ꝓj.; syr. auranti cort., ꝓij.; vini (claret), fl. ꝓvij. M. A wineglassful taken after each meal.

PHTHENSIS PUBIS.—One thorough application of ether is said (*N. Y. Med. Jour.*) to be successful in the treatment of the above disease. It is more advisable than chloroform, being less irritating to the skin.

PATENT MEDICINES IN RUSSIA.—The Russian government has prohibited the importation of patent medicines; the list of articles published containing about 800 items.

The London *Lancet* defines "moderate drinking" as that which is indulged in to the extent that the individual has a clean tongue, a good appetite, a slow pulse, a cool skin, a clear head, a steady hand, good walking power, and light, refreshing sleep and asserts that "odd glasses of beer and spirits