

*Treatment of Volvulus.*—Mr. Pilcher has recorded a case of volvulus occurring in a child, in which all the remedies commonly employed for the removal of the disease had been unavailingly employed, when he was induced by the recollection of a former case to order thin gruel to be injected by the rectum until the lower intestines had become completely distended, regurgitation being prevented by pressure around the anus. The effect was almost immediate, the obstruction giving way and the patient completely recovering.

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*Mistura Ferri Comp.*—Mr. Strutton, in the “Chemical Gazette,” gives the following formula for the *mistura ferri composita*, by which its decomposition may be prevented:—

Myrrh, two drachms; carbonate of potash, one drachm; rose water, fifteen and a half ounces; spirits of nutmeg, an ounce; sugar, two ounces. Mix according to the Pharmacopœia and dissolve.

Sulphate of iron, two and a half scruples, dissolved in two and a half ounces of rose water.

When required, add to seven drachms of the first mixture, one drachm of the latter, which saves the trouble of preparing it for every prescription, and is equal to the mixture being fresh made every time it is wanted.

*Oper. Citat.*

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*Use of Elder Bark in Chronic Dropsies.*—The decoction and extract of this vegetable substance are reported to be remarkably efficacious as hydragogues, producing so speedy an effect on the urinary and fœcal secretions as to make it needless to use more than two or three applications. The proportions for the decoction consist of a couple of handfuls of the bark to a quart of water: dose a wine-glassful a-day. The extract is administered in France in the form of pills, of one and a half grain each, of which from six to ten are taken in the twenty-four hours.

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*German Treatment of Engorgements of the Liver and Spleen.*—Dr. Schwabe, of Gross-Rudestadt, makes known to us the follow-