

For flatulence and constipation.

R.—Magnesia

Sulphur sublim. aa. gr. 75

Divide into fifteen capsules. One after each meal.

In hysterical convulsions leave the patient as much to herself as possible, avoiding physical restraint. Pressure over the epigastric or ovarian regions will often bring an attack to a prompt termination. Another effectual method is to apply gradual pressure over the eyeballs, maintaining it for several minutes: *London Medical Recorder*. Still better are firm pressure over the supra-orbital nerves, or forcible wrenching of the great toe.

Prichard has found phenacetine the most reliable of the modern anti-neuralgic and analgesic remedies in sciatica. He gives it in seven grain doses every four hours, at the same time making use of iron, quinine, arsenic, and other tonic remedies as indicated.

Buzzard prescribes salicylate of sodium in vertigo associated with auditory nerve symptoms.

In traumatic rupture of the membrana tympani, the chief rule of treatment is to do no harm. The best treatment is simply to close the meatus with a wad of absorbent cotton, and to avoid all use of the syringe. Avoid the use of anything in the ear thus injured. If the ear is carefully stopped with cotton—antiseptic preferred—the patient may attend to his affairs, if there is no other complication to forbid it.—*Journal of Med. Sciences*.

A German physician recommends, for the cure of inveterate constipation, the insufflation of a few grains of powdered boracic acid into the rectum.

In Sajou's *Annual of the Medical Sciences*, it is said that the unpleasant symptoms sometimes associated with the continued use of iodine may be prevented by the daily administration of fifteen grains of sod. bicarb.

Physicians are warned, by the *Pharmaceutical Journal*, that phenacetine is now being freely adulterated with antifebrin, which is about ten times as cheap as the former.

INJECTION FOR CANCER OF THE BLADDER:

R.—Iodoform . . . 1 ounce.
Glycerin . . . 1 ounce.
Distilled water . . . 1 drachm.
Gum tragacanth. . . 2 grains.—M.

Add a teaspoonful of this mixture to a pint of hot water. The bladder is to be first washed out with water as hot as can be borne, after which the iodoform mixture just named may be injected, and then permitted to escape. These injections should be repeated three times a day; and it is worthy of remark that after three or four injections very great relief generally ensues.—*Medical News*.

MENTHOL PLASTERS.—Menthol has been used for some time to relieve pain from various causes. Its virtues are well known, but the effects of its application have, as a rule, not lasted long. Messrs. Davis & Lawrence Co., of Montreal, are now preparing it in the form of a plaster, in which it is combined with medicinal gums. This "D. & L. Menthol Plaster" has proved very serviceable by relieving pain, especially when produced by neuralgia or rheumatism. It is prepared in yard rolls, seven inches wide, each of which will make seven good-sized plasters.

Personal.

MR. GEORGE MURRAY HUMPHREY, formerly professor of anatomy, and lately of surgery, Cambridge, has received the honor of knighthood.

DR. RICHARD QUAIN (M.B. London, 1840; M.D., 1842) has been made a baronet. He is in his 75th year, an Irishman by birth, and one of the best known physicians of London. He is the editor of "Quain's Dictionary of Medicine," and has been for some time Physician Extraordinary to the Queen.