

AFTER-PAINS AND THEIR TREATMENT.

In ordinary cases a light meal, moderately warm, is all that is required to allay the distress occasioned by after-pains; in some cases, however, the pains are so severe that recourse must be had to a sedative. In the January number of "La Clinique" it is stated that there is nothing that will give as much relief as amyl nitrate, properly used. The most convenient method of administration is to give the patient an inhaler made of a small tube open at both ends, and containing several small rolls of blotting-paper, on which 5 or 6 drops of amyl nitrate have been placed, and which can be well corked. When the pains occur the corks can be removed and the vapor inhaled with perfect safety and excellent results.

REMUNERATION FOR REPORTS TO HEALTH BODIES.

It is announced that at last the State of New York has a law requiring municipalities to pay physicians and midwives for reporting births, and clergymen and magistrates for reporting marriages, to local boards of health. The remuneration is not to be large, only twenty-five cents for each return, but the principle is the thing to be considered. We can see no reason why physicians should not be paid for making out death certificates.—New York Medical Journal.

Rectal feeding may be carried on by means of a mixture of two eggs, twenty grains of pepsin, ten grains of chloride of sodium, and six ounces of water. (Toledo Medical Compend.) This mixture should be slightly warmed, thoroughly agitated, and then gently introduced into the bowels by means of a syringe. To facilitate the entrance of the fluid into the intestines it is well to put the patient in a position with the hips much elevated above the head, either the knee-chest position or with two or three pillows resting beneath the hips.

A wet-nurse employed by St. Ann's Orphan Asylum, of Missouri, has brought suit against the institution for \$100,000 damages, her charge being that she was given a syphilitic child to nurse, whereby she contracted the disease.

A SCIENTIFIC RESULT.

A Western community has lost 50 per cent. of its cows in stamping out tuberculosis: beef and milk are up, and tuberculosis is just where it was before.—Exchange.

A NEW LOCAL ANAESTHETIC.

Dr. Pize has discovered a new anaesthetic. He has found that by injecting guricol under the skin in small doses operations can be performed without pain. A committee appointed by the Academy of Medicine has inquired into the value of the discovery and has congratulated him upon his achievement.

The American Pediatric Society is making a collective investigation of infantile scurvy as occurring in North America, and earnestly requests the co-operation of physicians, through their sending of reports of cases, whether these have already been published or not. No case will be used in such a way as to interfere with its subsequent publication by the observer. Blanks containing questions to be filled out will be furnished on application to any one of the committee. A final printed report of the investigation will be sent to those furnishing cases. (Signed).

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