

of muriate of cocaine, plus an equal volume of phenol sodique.

The quantity of this solution injected varied from twenty minims, in small hemorrhoidal tumors, to one ounce in prolapsed rectum.

One injection was sufficient to cure hemorrhoidal in all my cases, while two to four trials were found necessary to cure prolapsed rectum. The syringe point was introduced at the most prominent point of the tumors—large or small—and thrust boldly to the most vascular part of their base, and a liberal portion of the solution deposited, according to the size of the tumor. Then the balance of the tumor was well saturated with the solution. After injecting hemorrhoids no topical treatment was applied, except a daily wash of dilute solution of boric acid, as hot as could be borne. After injecting prolapsed rectum a mild antiseptic healing salve was applied. The following formula was found very efficient ;

R. Iodoform, in *fine* powder,
Balsam Peru,
Oil of camphor,
Oil of sassafras, aa 3 ss.
Pine tar,
Castor oil,
Powdered aloes, aa 3 j.
Subnitrate of bismuth enough to make a stiff salve.

S.—Apply thoroughly twice a day, and cover with a soft cloth.

Before applying the salve each time, the parts were well washed with the syringe, soap suds from Packer's tar soap, as hot as could be borne, being employed for the purpose.

In addition to whatever general internal treatment may be indicated in any given case, I am in the habit of directing, with excellent results, something like the following :

R. Fl. ext. witch-hazel 1 ss.
Sat tinct. horse-chestnut 3 j.
Muriate of ammonia, 3 j.
Glycerine, ad 3 iv.
M. ft. sol.

S.—A teaspoonful three times a day, just after meals, on alternate days.

R. Muriate of hydrastin, gr. xxiv.
Ergotin, gr. xij.
Ext capsicum,
Ext. ipecac.,
Aloin, aa gr. vj.

M. Make 24 pills and silver-coat.

S.—One pill three times a day, just after meals, on alternate days.

These last two prescriptions should be administered regularly, on alternate days, as long as the hemorrhoids or prolapse give trouble, and for several weeks after they have ceased to do so.

For bringing hemorrhoidal tumors to view, O'Neal's rectal speculum was found most convenient, though in some cases Woodward's and Sims' rectal speculums served a good purpose.

After operation on hemorrhoids patients were allowed to attend to their ordinary business at pleasure, and a majority of them did so.

The cases of prolapsed rectum were confined to bed until cured, which was in the mildest cases about two weeks, and in two severe or complete cases about four weeks. They were then allowed to move gently about the room, but the patients being parturients, the horizontal posture and quietude were doubly indicated. No general anæsthetic was found necessary in any of these cases, as the operations produced but little pain or subsequent soreness. No inflammatory reaction followed the injections.

I have used various medicaments for injecting hemorrhoids, all with more or less success, never having met with any deplorable results ; but the eight-grain muriate cocaine solution, in connection with an equal volume of French-made phenol sodique, has proved the best that I have tried.

In conclusion, the writer begs to state that he is familiar with what has been published in reference to this subject in standard and periodical literature for the last twenty years, and hence claims no originality in the treatment outlined in this communication.

COLD BANDAGING OF THE LEG IN INSOMNIA.

Dr. Von Gellhorn has found the following plan very useful in inducing sleep in persons who suffer from insomnia. A piece of calico, about eighteen inches wide and two and three-quarter yards long is rolled up like a bandage, and a third of it wrung out of cold water. The leg is then bandaged with this, the wet portions being carefully covered by several layers of the dry part, as well as by a layer of gutta-percha tissue, and a stocking drawn on over the whole. This causes dilatation of the vessels of the leg, thus diminishing the blood in the head and producing sleep. It has been found by Winternitz that the temperature in the external auditory meatus begins to fall a quarter of an hour after the application of the bandage, the decrease amounting to 0.4° Cent., and the normal not being again reached for from one and a half to two hours afterwards. The author has employed this means of procuring sleep, for a couple of years and finds it especially useful in cases where there is congestion of the cerebral vessels. Sometimes he has found it necessary to reapply the bandage every three or four hours, as it dried.—*British Med. Jour.*

HYDRASTIS CANADENSIS IN METRORRHAGIA.

Dr. J. A. Akuloff, of Wilna, details (*Wilna Medical Society*) the case of a married woman, aged 42, who had been for nine years suffering from profuse flooding occurring every two weeks. Treatment by intra-uterine injections of perchloride of iron and subcutaneous injections of ergotin had