UTERO-VAGINAL CATARRH.

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During the past two years I have experimented with Glyco-Thymoline in the treatment of some of the catarrhal conditions which affect the female genitalia. The splendid results which I obtained on the nasopharyngeal mucous surfaces led me to try it on other mucous surfaces where the conditions were substantially the same. Actual clinical experience has proven to my satisfaction that in Glyco-Thymoline the practitioner has at his disposal a remedial agent which in my opinion is unquestionably superior to the topical applications which I formerly employed. Without fear of contradiction I can say it is by far the best deodorant ever put in a purulent vagina. Under its influence the character of the discharge is rapidly altered and that comfort, relief and freedom from malodor which is of so much importance to the female patient, is secured. Glyco-Thymoline, by reason of its peculiar composition, produces the rapid depletion so desirable, cleanses the surfaces and maintains an aseptic condition of the parts. As an irrigation for the uterus and vagina, solutions of 10 per cent. to 25 per cent. are most desirable. When the uterus is highly congested an intrauterine irrigation of pure Glyco-Thymoline will produce wonderfully good results. When I use tampons pure Glyco-Thymoline produces the best results.

Case 1.—Miss R., profuse leucorrhea (idiopathic). She was very miserable and "run down," very nervous, severe pain in back; cervix congested; discharge was acrid and excoriating. Treatment: Ordered hot houches (110°) twice daily, medicated with Glyco-Thymoline, two ounces to quart, and put the patient on constitutional remedies. This treatment was persisted in for two months when she was discharged cured.

Case 2 .—Ulceration of Cervix. This patient had been treated with Boro-Glyceride, Iodine, Ichthyol, etc., but without much benefit. Resolved to try Glyco-Thymoline, which I accordingly did. Tamponed with lamb's wool saturated with pure Glyco-Thymoline which was allowed to remain for twenty-four hours. On removal a hot douche of 10 per cent. solution of Glyco-Thymoline was given and tampon again introduced. This treatment was given for three weeks when the patient was discharged cured.

SCIATICA.

"One of the most common causes of sciatica is rheumatism; so often, indeed, is this the causative influence that some writers include it among the varieties of rheumatism" says Dr. U. C. Underwood, of