

BLAKISTON'S VISITING LIST.

The Physician's Visiting List for 1917 includes an entirely new dose list prepared in accordance with the new United States Pharmacopoeia. This will prove an exceedingly useful feature, as there were many changes, improvements in standards, new drugs and other material inserted. This list gives the dose in both the apothecary and metric systems and the solubility and important incompatibilities when called for.

Several other new tables have been inserted, such as isolation periods in infectious diseases, table of mortality, etc. Limp leather, pocket, and flap. Price, \$1.25. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co.

 MEDICAL PREPARATIONS

A WIDELY USEFUL SOAP.

There are a number of so-called antiseptic soaps. Probably the most generally serviceable of these is Germicidal Soap, formula of Dr. Charles T. McClintock, which has been not inaptly designated "the soap of a hundred uses"—a soap made from pure vegetable oils and containing the powerful antiseptic mercuric iodide. As indicative of the germicidal power of this soap it may be said that a solution of it containing one part of mercuric iodide in five thousand parts of diluent will destroy pus germs in less than five minutes. It is undoubtedly the most available antiseptic for the general practitioner. There are no solutions to carry. The soap is always ready for use. It does not stain linen or tarnish polished instruments.

Some of the uses to which Germicidal Soap is adapted are these: To prepare antiseptic solutions, to sterilize the hands, instruments and site of operation; to cleanse wounds, ulcers, etc.; to lubricate sounds, specula and catheters; to destroy infecting organisms in skin diseases; to disinfect surface lesions; to control itching in skin affections; to make solutions for the vaginal touche; to destroy offensive odors; to cleanse the hair and scalp and remove and prevent dandruff; to disinfect vessels, utensils, etc.; to wash and sterilize bed linen used in the sick room. It is apparent from the foregoing that the soap is at once an antiseptic, disinfectant, deodorant, sterilizer, lubricant and cleanser.

As most physicians probably know, Germicidal Soap, McClintock, is manufactured by Parke, Davis & Co. It is supplied in two strengths, containing, respectively, one per cent. and two per cent. of mercuric iodide. It is well to specify "P. D. & Co." when ordering from the druggist.