

THERAPEUTICS.

DIFFUSE OPACITY OF THE CORNEA RESULTING FROM CORNEITIS TREATED BY STIMULANTS.

By Dr. Jacobs.

From the variety of stimulants used from time immemorial to remove opacities of the cornea, and the number of them extolled as infallible, it may be presumed that any stimulant will answer the purpose. Solutions of nitrate of silver, sulphate of copper, sulphate of zinc, or the combination called *lapis divinus*, will perhaps answer. I use a solution of iodide of potassium, ten grains to the one ounce of water; or, as a substitute for animal bile, said to be effectual, touch the surface with the camel-hair pencil previously dipped in water and brushed two or three times on soap. The fumes of prussic acid, so much vaunted as a quack remedy, I have not used, being dangerous and troublesome. If this nostrum has any influence at all, it is as any other stimulant.—*Brit. & For. Med. Chirurg. Review.*

In 1846, the late Dr. King of Barbadoes introduced the iodide of potassium into his hospital practice, and ever since that period it has been used most successfully both in the General Hospital, Barbadoes, and in the General Dispensary, Toronto.

INDIAN HEMP AS AN OXYTONIC.

By Dr. Simpson, Edinburgh.

Dr. Simpson stated, that, in the early part of the winter session, he had given Indian hemp (*Cannibis Indica*) in several cases of tedious labour, with the view of ascertaining if it possessed any oxytonic effect (like ergot of rye) in increasing and exciting parturient action of the uterus. He had been induced to try the effects, if any, of Indian hemp during labour, in consequence of Dr. Churchill stating that it possessed powers similar to those of ergot of rye in arresting hemorrhage, when dependant upon congested states of the *impregnated* uterus. In the few cases of labour in which it was tried, parturient action seemed to be very markedly and directly increased after the exhibition of the hemp; but far more extensive and careful experiments would be required, before a definite opinion could be arrived at relative to its possession of oxytonic powers, and their amount.—*Monthly Journal.*

APPLICATION OF COLD AS AN ANÆSTHETIC AGENT IN OPERATIONS FOR REMOVING WARTY EXCRESCENCES.

By Thomas W. Nunn, Esq., Surgeon to the Western Dispensary.

[Mr. Nunn says, that having taken advantage of the hint given by Dr. Arnott, he has been so satisfied with the result, that he considers it due to that gentleman to publish the following case. It occurred in a young married woman, who applied to the dispensary for the purpose of being relieved of a large accumulation of warty growths about the pudenda.]