

Therapeutic Notes.

TREATMENT OF ABORTIONS.—It is not exactly decided by authority how these cases should be conducted. One authority will advise patience, while the next dogmatically preaches immediate interference. Grigoriantz' analysis of 60 of his abortions treated showed 3.7 morbidit, and nothing of mortalit. His treatment is: douche 2 or 3 times daily, secale or ergotine, iodoform tampons if hemorrhage is severe. If ovum and membranes do not yield at once he dilates, or if open to admit fingers he removes, after which the curette is applied, and the internal wall of the uterus cleared off. Out of the 60 cases treated, 39 were separated by the instrument. The manner of using the curette in the uterus must be carefully performed. After finding it slip in, pass it methodically from side to side, examining every part of the internal surface. In no case has he had any untoward results. In ordinary cases he uses a 3 per cent. carbolic lotion. If temperature high:

Rx.—Sublimate	0.1
Acid, Carbolic	20.1
“ Borici	40.1
“ Salicylici	5.0
Zinci Chlorati	10.0
Aq. Distilati	2000.0
	—Medical Press.

HYPNOTIC EFFECT OF WARM BANDAGES.—Warm baths, as is well known, produce a calming effect, and tend to bring on sleep, and Allendorfer has attempted to apply such a method in patients where a sedative effect is desired and yet where a bath is inapplicable. His method consists in wrapping the lumbar region and belly with linen cloths soaked in warm water, and then covering them with oiled silk or rubber cloth, so as to prevent evaporation, while the whole is kept in place and loss of heat prevented by a flannel cloth. This procedure is of ready performance, and the author says that by this simple means he has obtained the most astonishing results in the treatment of insomnia. By dilating the large vessels of the intestinal tract, by the warmth applied, a condition of anæmia of the brain is produced, favoring sleep. These large intestinal vessels have very properly been termed the waste-gates of the circulatory system.—*Jour. de Med. de Paris.*—*Med. and Surg. Reporter.*

ICHTHYOL.—Among cutaneous diseases, Dr. Charles (*The Lancet*,) found ichthyol, in an ointment of two to ten per cent., especially valuable in burns of the first and second degrees and in scalds. Externally and internally, it was very efficacious in erythemata of unspecified nature. Several rapid cures of chilblains were obtained by washing with hot water and ichthyol soap, and subsequent application of ichthyol and turpentine, equal parts; of ichthyol and glycerine, equal parts; or of ichthyol, three parts, glycerin, water, and dextrin, all ten parts. In intertrigo it was also useful, as well as in zoster and in eczema, in acne and acne rosacea, in sycosis and in psoriasis. He also found the ichthyol treatment very efficacious in boils, carbuncles, and erysipelas.—*Medical and Surgical Reporter.*

It is generally assumed that the decomposition of salol, a compound of carbolic and salicylic acid, in the alimentary canal is effected by the pancreatic secretion. More recent observations by Dr. Gley, published in the *Semaine Médicale*, show that the compound is broken up even in animals experimentally deprived of the pancreas. We must, therefore, look elsewhere for an explanation of this phenomenon upon which the therapeutical value of salol depends.—*Medical Press and Circular.*

GLYCERINE administered by the mouth is quickly absorbed by the lymphatics, and notably by those going to the hilus of the liver and to the gall bladder; it is a powerful cholagogue. Given in large doses (1 oz.), glycerine arrests the pain of hepatic colic, and when given teaspoonful doses daily in a little alkaline water it prevents a recurrence of the attack.—*Medical Press and Circular.*

NERVOUS ASTHMA.—Prof. Da Costa recently treated with marked success a case of pure nervous asthma with one-fourth grain of cocaine per diem. After obtaining the desired result the remedy was only given twice afterward, and but once a day.—*St. Louis Clinique.*

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