

## Medical Items.

—H. Stillmark in the *St. Petersburg Med. Wochenschrift* strongly recommends vinum ipecac for weak pains during labor. He recommends 10 to 15 drops every hour for two or three doses. He reports a case where the results of the administration of this drug were most satisfactory.

A SENSITIVE TEST FOR ALBUMEN.—Take corrosive sublimate 8; tartaric acid 4; saccharose 20; distilled water 200. Acidulate the urine with a little strong acetic acid, filter if necessary, and add gently with a pipette an equal quantity of the reagent in such a manner that the two liquids will not be mixed. If albumen is present a white ring is formed at the junction of the liquids.—*La Médecine Moderne*.

—Burlureaux recommends the treatment of syphilis by means of subcutaneous injections of sublimate dissolved in oil of the strength of 1 in 2500. He recommends it for cases where the stomach will not tolerate mercury or where the rapid introduction of the drug is advisable. The injection is painful, and as the dose is large (5 — 20 drachms) the solution must be introduced slowly at about the rate of 5 drachms per hour.—*Abstract from the Revue Thérapeutique Medico-Chirurgicale*.

—Beclère in the *Revue de Thérapeutique Medico-Chirurgicale* reports two cases of gonorrhoeal rheumatism in children. Both were girls, aged  $5\frac{1}{2}$  years and 20 months, and both suffered from purulent vaginitis with urethritis. The joint affections speedily recovered under treatment by immobilization and pressure by means of cotton pads. He is of the opinion that arthritis in children is more frequently due to this cause than is ordinarily supposed, and may even follow ophthalmia neonatorum.

—In France there is a cloth made from denitrated pyroxylin, which is dissolved in a suitable liquid and then manipulated so as to form threads which are woven into this tissue called *Pilou*. Several people wearing garments made from this and inadvertently sitting near an open fire, have had the unpleasant experience of their garments going off with a flash like gun-cotton. Fortunately no case of severe burn has been reported as a result of wearing these inflammable garments.—*Repertoire de Pharmacie*.