

about the margin of the anus. The ointment appears to me to paralyze the endings of the *motor* nerves distributed to the fine muscular layer under the surface of the mucous membrane; the reflex twitchings of the layer keep up the perpetual pain uneasiness in diseases of the rectum and anus associated with abrasions, ulcerations, or fissures. At the same time it undoubtedly paralyzes the sensory filaments. I have obtained relief from its use in vaginismus and some painful conditions of the male urethra, and find it a good lubricant for the sound or catheter.

To the ointment prepared according to the above formula there may be added 10 or 12 grains of the persulphate of iron as recommended by Mr. Cripps in fissure. From carefully watching the results of this combination of conium with iron, I am seen a fissure heal completely under its use. In acute inflammation of hæmorrhoidal growths associated with swelling and painful thobbing, some relief may be obtained by the free application of the conium ointment without iron, but it is in those exquisitely painful fissures or conditions in which there is a loss of substance in the mucous surface, that this remedy will be found to give more relief than any other drug.

NEW METHOD OF APPLYING TAXIS.

Mr. G. Jameson, Resident Surgeon of the Medical College Hospital, Calcutta, in a letter to the *British Med. Journal*, April 28, 1888, says: A few days ago a native presented himself at the dispensary of this hospital with a large right scrotal hernia, which had been down for some months. The man was placed on his back, and the tumor manipulated. The coverings were fairly tense. Before attempting reduction, I casually asked the patient if the tumor ever got smaller. He replied "Yes," and proceeded to give me a demonstration in taxis which I had not previously heard of. Lifting up the tumor with his left hand, he placed his right thigh on his abdomen, then crossed it over to the left side, catching the tumor between the pubes and thigh, then applying pressure. The hernia disappeared with a gurgle and a snap before I had time to call the attention of the students to this novel procedure. The reduction was complete.

ANTIPYRIN IN THE TREATMENT OF SEMINAL EMISSIONS.

The older remedies for this affection, camphor and lupulin, have very properly been abandoned. Kurschmann says that the sedative action of lupulin on the genital organs is far from demonstrated, and the employment of camphor is not more reliable, although Zeissi, Purjesz and others consider it the best remedy in this affection. Nux vomica, arsenic and atropine have also been recommended, while Diday prefers the bromides of potassium and sodium to all other remedies. He recommends from thirty to eighty grains of the bromide

of potassium to be taken on retiring. But these large doses of bromide will produce acne, and are also liable to induce mental enfeeblement. In order to avoid the dangers of bromides, Thor, of Bucharest, has been experimenting with antipyrin in the treatment of these affections. He advises the patient to take from seven to fifteen grains of the drug on retiring. In seventeen cases, he has completely cured the complaint, without any unpleasant consequences. According to Beart, antipyrin is useful in neurasthénia of the sexual organs, but in these cases from 1 to two grains a day should be given.—*Revista de Cincias Medicas*.

AN INHALATION FOR PHTHISIS.

In the *Rev. du Therapeutique* for December 1, 1887, Filleau and Petit give the following formula for inhalation in phthisis:

℞ Carbolic Acid.....	gr. 30
Essent. Terebinth.....	3 12½
Essent. Picis.....	3 5
Eucalyptol.....	3 7½
Chloroform.....	gtt. 5

M. S.—To be inhaled four to six times daily, for five minutes at each sitting.

MARSON'S TEST FOR SUGAR IN THE URINE.

Dissolve two grains of ferrous sulphate in about 150 minims of the urine, add five grains of caustic potassa, and boil. A dark green precipitate forms if sugar is present, and the supernatant liquid is reddish brown or black, according to the amount of sugar. When sugar is absent, the precipitate is greenish brown in color, and the liquid is colorless.—*London Medical Recorder*, Feb. 20th.

It may not be generally known among physicians that the bromide of lithium is almost a specific for muscular rheumatism.—*Bartholow*.

A FUMIGATION FOR ASTHMA.

Sawyer (*Birmingham Med. Rev.*, "*Lyon Méd.*") recommends the following as having afforded the best results that he has observed among those of a great number of inhalants:

Potassium nitrate,	} each, 2 parts
Powdered aniseed,	
Powdered stramonium leaves,	4 "

A thimbleful of the mixture, fashioned into a little cone, is placed on a plate and lighted at the top.—*N. Y. Medical Journal*.

CREASOTE IN PHTHISIS.

Dr. Peter Kaatzer, of Rehburg, strongly recommends in the *Berliner Clinische Wochenschrift*, March 12, 1888, the administration of creasote in the treatment of phthisis. After trying various formulæ he settles upon the following as the best: