

them, to shut them off from the system in such a manner that absorption cannot readily take place. The occluding influence of strong carbolic acid he regards as an important surgical resource in certain cases of compound fracture, destructively lacerated wounds, and ulcerating surfaces, where septic infection is inevitable. All forms of serous cysts which are usually subjected to any form of operative treatment, on the principle of producing plastic adhesion of their walls, may be deemed amenable to the treatment indicated.—*Medical Record*.

Oil of Wintergreen as an Effective Salicylate in Rheumatism.—An able chemist, namely, Mr. P. Casamajor, of Brooklyn, informs the writer of this paragraph, that, arguing from a purely chemical position, he expected to obtain better results in acute or subacute rheumatism, and perhaps in chronic rheumatism also, from the use of Oil of Gaultheria, or Wintergreen. This oil is mainly Methyl Salicylate, and was among the earliest sources of Salicylic Acid. Mr. Casamajor supposes that this salt of Salicylic Acid would be easily appropriated in the economy, and would prove more effective than other salicylates of more fixed character. Carrying out his ideas, he had treated himself and several friends who had been subjected to rather sharp attacks of rheumatism with Oil of Wintergreen, and with somewhat marked benefit in every case tried. He takes and gives the oil in doses of ten drops dropped on sugar, and the sugar then mixed with a little water and swallowed about every two hours until the pain is relieved. This simple procedure is well worthy of extended trial and closer observation.—*Ephemeris of Mat. Medica*.

Bilious Headache with Flatulence.—

R	Magnes. sulphate	- - -	5vj
	Magnes. carbonat.	- - -	3j
	Tinct. lavand. co.	- - -	3iij
	Aquæ menth. pip.	- - ad	3viij

M. Sig. A six part to be taken early in the morning, and repeated as may be necessary.