

milk and eggs. The animal to be inoculated is fixed on an ingeniously constructed table, and is then shaved from the umbilical region to the posterior part of the abdomen. The inoculations are made with a lancet, the incisions being about one centimetre in length. All the instruments used are soaked in carbolic acid, and washed in boiling water. If any fever or diarrhoea follows, the vaccine is not used. The choice of calves destined for inoculation is made with the greatest care and precaution; only those in perfect health, and weighing from 200 to 400 pounds, are chosen. The vaccine is destroyed if the animal from which it has been taken is found to be unhealthy. No vaccine, I was assured, left the institution unless the animal had been killed and its state of perfect health established by a microscopical examination of the lungs, etc. Of 3,556 vaccinations, 3,496 (98.3 per cent.) were successful, and 60 (1.7 per cent.) unsuccessful.

SALICYLATE OF SODIUM IN ACUTE TONSILLITIS.

MR. LENNOX BROWNE writes: Kindly allow me to register the fact in your columns that, as the result of investigations extending over some years, I drew attention to the close connection between tonsillitis and rheumatism, in the first edition of my work, *The Throat and its Diseases*, which was published in May, 1878, and that at that date I advocated, amongst other remedies, salicylate of sodium, giving a formula for its administration.

Although I believe I may claim priority in actually insisting on this intimate association of rheumatism and tonsillitis, it is probable that Sir Thomas Watson had the same fact in view when advocating—as he was the first to do—guaiacum as a remedy for quinsy.

INHALATIONS OF OXYGEN IN ECLAMPSIA.

DR. REIMANN (Kiev, Russia) writes: In No. 1370 of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL is mentioned a paper about Inhalations of Oxygen in Eclampsia, by Dr. Lvoff. Allow me to state that this question was treated by me in two short papers in the *Centralblatt für Gynäkologie*, Nos. 43 and 49, 1885. There are mentioned the seven cases of puerperal eclampsia, treated by oxygen, known up to that time (all in Russia), among them the case related in the essay of Dr. Lvoff, in the *Journal of Medicine*. It is true that I came to another conclusion about the use of oxygen in such cases than Dr. Lvoff, resting upon the issue of the greater number of these cases.

THE L.S.A. RETROSPECTIVE AS A DOUBLE QUALIFICATION.

L.R.C.P. writes: According to the decision of the General Medical Council, the licence of the Apothecaries' Society, London, will be a licence to practise surgery, as well as medicine, after July 1st, 1887. Should not those men who have already passed the examination in surgery (conducted by the same examiners—Messrs. Makins, Walsham, and Andrew Clark—as were recently appointed by the General Medical Council) be also recognised by the General Medical Council as possessing a licence to practise surgery?

THE TREATMENT OF GLEET.

DR. FRED. A. A. SMITH (Cheltenham) writes: In answer to "J. B." of May 7th, 1887, I beg to forward the following observations. Some years ago, a captain in the army consulted me about a gleet he had had for a long time. Nothing seemed to do him any good; at the same time he was anything but a temperate man, and, practically, was a very bad subject for treatment. I ordered him an ordinary alum lotion to be used as an injection, and for medicine acid nit. dil., $\frac{1}{4}$ v; dec. cinchonæ flav., $\frac{1}{2}$ j, t. d. Returning home from his club in the evening, he took by mistake a dose of the alum lotion, and used the acid mist, as an injection. The consequence was that he suffered great pain for over half an hour, but cured his gleet. Noting this, I tried on my next case acid nit. dil., $\frac{1}{4}$ v; dec. cinchonæ flav., $\frac{1}{2}$ j as an injection t. d., and found my patient got rapidly well. I have since used this treatment in several cases with very happy results. Although constitutional treatment is no doubt very useful, still I am inclined to think that the disease is essentially local, and requires local remedies.

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