

NOTES FROM THE MEDICAL PRESS

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THE TREATMENT OF EPISTAXIS.—The *Medical Record* quoting from *Nouveau Remède*, says: Mendini recommends the introduction into the bleeding nasal passage of a tampon soaked with one part of a 1-1000 adrenalin solution and ten parts of salt solution; if this does not control the hæmorrhage the passage must be packed with strips of gauze. In most cases this will be sufficient and it is rarely necessary to place a tampon in the posterior nares. In removing the tampons it is advisable, after the first few strips have been taken out, to drop into the nostril a small quantity of a solution composed of cocaine hydrochlorate one-fifth, 1-1000 adrenalin solution one, and distilled water ten. The vasoconstriction caused by this application produces enough shrinkage of the nasal mucosa to permit the tampon to be removed *in toto* without difficulty.

THE USE OF OIL ENEMATA FOR CHRONIC CONSTIPATION IN INFANTS.—The *Medical Record*, in an abstract of a paper in *Deutsche Medicinische Wochenschrift*, says: Wunsch speaks highly of the use of injections of olive oil as a means of securing a cure in cases of obstinate constipation in nursing infants. The causes of the condition are numerous, but frequently in spite of all possible attention to the mother's diet, the hygiene of the infant's anus, etc., and the application of the customary remedies, including ordinary enemata, suppositories, abdominal massage, laxative drugs, etc., attempts to cure the difficulty are ineffectual. In these cases the use of an enema of olive oil repeated about every other day for a certain length of time may bring about a normal activity of the bowels. In illustration the author describes a case which had baffled all other means of treatment but remained permanently cured after eight injections of olive oil.

MOIST GAUZE DRESSING.—The *Indian Medical Record* says: Experiments by Dr. Noetzels have demonstrated what is well known