

sults they can cause, must, one would imagine, be produced at once. There can be little doubt, therefore, that in future this means of medication will be more used than has hitherto been the case.

#### PLUGGING THE VAGINA.

A French contemporary calls attention to a new method of plugging the vagina in cases of hæmorrhage, which Nurses will do well to note and remember, because most of them know by practical experience the difficulty of performing this satisfactorily except with the use of the speculum, and that, just when it is most wanted, this instrument is very often not obtainable. It is recommended that an ordinary spatula, or better still one shaped like a tongue depressant should be introduced into the vagina and, the patient lying on her left side, in Sims' position, by this means an assistant should draw back the anterior wall of the canal. The posterior wall and the perineum is then pressed gently backwards by the first and second fingers of the left hand of the Nurse, in the vagina, when it is easy to introduce the wool between the fingers and the spatula, and to completely and painlessly pack the vagina with the plugs or gauze, as may be necessary.

#### A NEW ANTIDOTE FOR MORPHIA.

Considerable interest has naturally been excited in medical and scientific circles by the experiment made by Dr. William Moor upon himself in proof that he had discovered a reliable antidote for morphia. Further experiments, both in the laboratory and on living people, have shown that, to some extent at least, his discovery is well founded. Dr. Moor took two grains of morphia with a large dose of permanganate of potash, popularly known as Condy's Fluid, and no narcotic results followed. It is well known what a large amount of oxidising power the potash salt possesses, whence indeed arises its great benefit as an antiseptic and deodorant. There is little doubt, therefore, that it acts as an antidote to morphia by oxidising the alkaloid, and precipitating it as an insoluble powder. In order, however, to obtain this action, and to enable the drug to act as an antidote to the poison, it is essential that the potash salt should be given immediately after the morphia, and before the latter has been absorbed from the stomach. It would clearly not act as an antidote if taken by the stomach while the morphia had been injected under the skin, nor could it be available after the morphia has once been absorbed. With this clear comprehension of its action, and its power, there can be no doubt that the new discovery is a very valuable and important one.

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



MISS AGNES OWEN has been appointed Sister-in-Charge at the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat in Golden Square. Miss OWEN was trained at Middlesex Hospital, worked for a short time at St. Bartholomew's, from whence she obtained the post of Sister at King's College Hospital, a position which she has filled for eight years.

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A COURSE of Lectures on "Meteorology in relation to Hygiene," will be delivered in the Parkes Museum on Mondays and Thursdays, at 8.30 p.m., commencing on the 23rd inst. April 23rd, "Instruments and Observations and their Representation," G. J. SYMONS, F.R.S.; April 26th, "Temperature of Air, Soil and Water," Dr. H. R. MILL, F.R.S.E.; April 30th, "Barometric Conditions and Air Movements," R. H. SCOTT, M.A., F.R.S.; May 3rd, "Moisture, its Determination and Measurement," W. MARRIOTT, F.R. Met. Soc.; May 7th, "Climate in Relation to Health, and Geographical Distribution of Disease," C. THEODORE WILLIAMS, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.; May 10th, "Fog, Clouds and Sunshine," F. GASTER, F.R. Met. Soc.

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It is proposed to hold a Babies' Exhibition at Humphrey's Hall, Kensington, in June, and we do not doubt that such an exhibition will, if well done, prove of immense interest to the community. The Exhibition will be divided into five classes as follows, and will be under the management of Mrs. JOHN EDWARDS HALL:—Class 1, Foods, Dietetics, Beverages, Medicines, Disinfectants, &c. Class 2, Clothing of all kinds for Infants, Juveniles, and Mothers. Class 3, Nursery Furniture, including Sanitary Wall Papers, Bedsteads and Bedding, Chairs, Tables, Baths, Grates, Filters, Illuminants, Toilet Requisites for the young, &c., &c. Class 4, Toys, Games, Children's Books, Gymnastic Apparatus for juveniles, School Furniture for the young, Baby Carriages, Mail Carts, &c. Class 5, Miscellaneous Specialities for Household use.

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SURGEON-GENERAL A. SMITH, M.D., C.B., retired list Army Medical Department, who served in the Crimean and Afghan campaigns, has been appointed Honorary Physician to the QUEEN.

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