relief would be immediately felt. Ordered the following :—

Infusion of senna, six ounces ;
Carbonate of potass, one drachm ;
Sulphate of magnesia, one ounce ;
Spirit of nitrous æther, three drachms ;
Tincture of ginger, half an ounce. To have three
tablespoonfuls every four hours, until full evacuation of the bowels is produced.

Two tablespoonfuls of the following, after the bowels had been freely opened, and repeated every four hours :—

Camphor mixture, six ounces ;
Compound spirit of ammonia, two drachms ;
Tincture of hyoscyamus, two drachms.

In case it should be necessary, another enema. Take during the day broth, arrow-root with brandy, frequently, and small in quantity. Since last evening a very decided and marked improvement in her symptoms has taken place, which I attribute to her having had two hours' quiet sleep during the night ; there is more vigor and animation in the countenance. *Evening* : As the medicine acted very freely, bringing off a quantity of dark feculent matter, and causing at the same time great pain, accompanied by debility, I ordered a saline draught, with thirty drops of opium, at once.

3. Passed a tranquil night ; not any return of pain ; pulse 60 ; tongue cleaner. Mutton broth taken occasionally ; saline mixture every six hours ; enema of oil and gruel if necessary.

4. Passed a comfortable night, without sickness ; bowels open twice since yesterday. Saline mixture to be continued, and an aperient during the day if requisite. Pulse 65 ; tongue clean and moist. Beef tea frequently, and in small quantity.

5. Slept very comfortably during the night ; no return of pain ; catamenia returned yesterday morning very scanty, left her last evening. Repeat saline mixture and aperient, with mutton broth.

6. Still improving ; pain entirely gone ; bowels rather inclined to be costive ; appetite returning ; legs still sore when rubbed. Bowels to be kept open by taking some of the aperient mixture occasionally, and one of the following pills three times a-day :—

Sulphate of quinine, twelve grains ;
Rhubarb, one scruple ;
Compound extract of gentian, ten grains. Make twelve pills.

8. Free from pain ; bowels open ; secretions healthy ; in every respect better ; eat some boiled mutton with a relish. She is now quite well. The state of the secretions in this case indicated very great hepatic derangement and congestion, and to congestion I should attribute the hæmorrhage.

ON THE USE OF THE SPECULUM IN UTERINE DISEASES.

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I am induced to send the present communication to the "Provincial Medical Journal," not with the object of proposing any new mode of treatment, but to

recommend to those practitioners who have not yet been in the habit of using the speculum uteri in the above diseases, its immediate adoption.

Three cases of uterine disease have lately been under my care, two organic and one functional, which had existed for many months ; each had been under the care of highly respectable surgeons, both in town and country, and in neither case had the speculum been used ; hence, advantage had not been taken of that means of diagnosis, valuable time had been lost not to be regained, and the local affection had been so long neglected in the two cases of organic disease, that constitutional symptoms supervened, which in one case will be fatal.

One of the most valuable uses to which the speculum is applicable is the ready means it affords for the application of leeches to the os and cervix uteri ; the advantages of this mode over that usually adopted—viz., application to the perineum, inside of the thighs, or pubis, are too evident to need any remarks from me ; it enables us to avail ourselves of the direct application of remedies to the diseased part, and it should be borne in mind that the os and cervix uteri are the parts which in most cases of organic uterine disease are first affected. In functional affections of the uterus, which are so frequent, depending on inflammatory action or congestion, the application of leeches by the speculum is, in my opinion, a most valuable remedy.

I will not trouble you with the minute detail of the cases above alluded to, but it will be sufficient to say that each case had existed for many months, without the practitioners under whose care they had been previously having used any local means which were at all effectual, in consequence of having neglected the use of the above-named valuable instrument ; two of the cases have been since cured, and the sufferings of the other patient so much alleviated, that she speaks in terms of gratitude of the relief she has experienced from the use of leeches and other local remedies to the diseased part. The speculum I would recommend is the three-bladed one made by Weiss, which appears to have many advantages over Ricord's, or any other which I have seen.

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CASE OF UNIVERSAL SUPPURATION OF THE CEREBRO-SPINAL MEMBRANES, WITHOUT ANY CORRESPONDING SYMPTOMS.

By Professor WAGNER, Vienna.

Jacob Eichinger, a soldier in the 4th Light Infantry Regiment, had enjoyed good health during the seven years that he had been in the service. On the 17th of November, 1839, he was suddenly attacked with symptoms of gastric derangement, which increased on the following day, and compelled him to go to bed, at about a quarter to twelve, a.m. He fell asleep, and awoke in an hour delirious. Convulsions soon supervened ; the man became comatose, and, although the most active antiphlogistic treatment was had recourse