

Pyelitis in Infancy.

The recognition of pyelitis in childhood is usually easy, and yet it is overlooked again and again simply because the possibility of its occurrence is forgotten and the urine of an infant is seldom examined. Unrecognized acute pyelitis in infancy gives rise to prolonged severe fever, with profound constitutional disturbance, which may be fatal. Recognized and treated appropriately, it often subsides in a few days, and even if symptoms persist for a time they quickly become less severe, and generally soon yield to treatment.—*Geo. F. Still; Pediatrics.*

The Ultima Thule of Specialism.

At a meeting of physicians, one speaker was cynically deprecating the ultra-specialism of the age in medicine and surgery. Said he: "This rage for parceling out the human frame into special territories is passing all bounds. As it is, we have specialists for the nose, the throat, the ear, the lungs, the heart, the genito-urinary organs, the rectum, the mouth, the brain, etc. It seems to me, gentlemen, that it will not be long ere the specialist, like Alexander, will have to sigh for new regions to overcome. So far as I can see, the umbilicus is about the only portion of the human body not allotted to a specialist." Whereupon a grizzled, veteran practitioner, raising his hand, exclaimed: "Doctor, you're forgetting the naval hospitals!"