

perature of 103 deg. Fah. to 105 deg. Fah. 4oz. given half-hourly. Brandy or strong coffee may be combined with these. Surgeon sometimes injects saline solution at temp. of 105 deg. Fah., either into vein or intercellular tissues. Digitalin, 1-100th gr., and strychnine sulph. 1-100th gr. may be given. If the pain is very severe and prolonging the shock, morphia may be ordered and combined with atrophine 1-100th gr. Stimulants may be given by mouth if the patient can take them; but care must be taken not to carry stimulation too far, as more harm may be done than good when reaction sets in. If patient can take nourishment, give fluids; otherwise nutrient enemata must be resorted to if shock is prolonged. Sometimes the legs are elevated, or bandaged spirally upwards, from foot to thigh.

### Midwifery Nursing.

The following are the questions set for the last examination of midwives. The examiner has kindly promised to send some comments, and also select for publication some of the best answers:—

#### QUESTIONS.

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(N.B.—Candidates are expected to answer every question. Answers should be brief and to the point.)

### Royal Heroines

Dealing with the bravery so often exhibited by royal personages in great emergencies, an English paper says:—"The Empress Eugenie atoned for many of the shortcomings laid at her door by the manner in which, on the occasion of the great cholera outbreak in France, in 1866, she visited all the hospitals in Rouen, where the disease was raging with the greatest intensity; while, on another occasion, during a particularly violent epidemic of small-pox, she did not hesitate to go through the hospitals in Paris to encourage the doctors and nurses to remain at their post of duty, although by so doing she risked those good looks, and that beauty, which constituted her principal if not indeed, her only claim to sovereignty.

"Nor would any reference to European monarchs in this connection be complete without a brief mention of the widowed Queen Amelie of Portugal, who, having

1. What do you understand by the terms "Antiseptic," "Aseptic?" What antiseptic lotions are ordinarily used in obstetric practice, and how do you prepare them?

2. Describe the management of the third stage of labour. If bleeding, follow this stage to what may it be due, and what treatment would you employ in each case?

3. What conditions present in the mother would justify you in deciding that she must not, or is unable to, nurse her baby? If she do not nurse what steps would you take to prevent or suppress the secretion of milk?

4. How would you recognise a breech presentation? Describe the conduction of delivery in these cases.

5. Describe in detail the technique (a) of making a vaginal examination; (b) of administering a vaginal douche; (c) of passing a catheter.

6. By what signs would you recognise that labour had commenced, and in a normal case when would you send for the doctor?

7. What is "Eclampsia"? What symptoms would lead you to suspect that this condition might occur, and in such a case what instructions would you give to the patient?

8. What do you understand by the term "Asphyxia neonatorum?" Describe fully the treatment of this condition.

rendered herself immune from diphtheria by inoculation, with the object of removing the popular prejudice against this form of vaccination, was wont, until the murder of her husband and her eldest son, a year ago, to visit the diphtheria wards of the Lisbon hospitals each week. She showed an even still greater bravery at the time of the last outbreak of the bubonic plague in Portugal. While it lasted she appeared daily in the hospitals, and herself acted as the nurse, and attended the deathbed of a young physician who succumbed to the malady while ministering to the stricken. She is a trained nurse and a full-fledged physician, being the only occupant of a throne who is entitled to add the letters "M.D." to the list of her dignities."—From the *Dominion*.

King Edward has given the decoration of the Royal Red Cross to Her Majesty Queen Elena in recognition of her services in Messina after the late terrible disaster.