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**CANTHARIDATE OF POTASSIUM IN  
TUBERCULOSIS.**

Prof. Liebreich of Berlin has introduced the cantharidate of potassium as a remedy for tuberculosis, and judging from certain results obtained by Heymann and others, it appears that it does possess some power. Heymann has treated twenty-seven cases of laryngeal and pulmonary tuberculosis with this agent, and with results said to be fully better than with tuberculin or any other mode of treatment. After the third or fourth injection the general state was found to be improved. In the laryngeal cases the pain and hoarseness rapidly diminished. The laryngoscope showed first a diminution in the redness, and in three or four cases the ulcers eventually healed completely. In the pulmonary cases, there was in the great majority a marked change for the better in both the local conditions and general symptoms.

Fraenkel has treated fifteen cases of tuberculosis with the cantharidate of potassium. He gives the details of a case of extensive tuberculous ulceration of the larynx with oedema of the surrounding parts and accompanied by severe pain on swallowing. After a few injections the pain and swelling disappeared. In all the cases treated, the action of the cantharidate salt was marked.

Fraenkel considers that it acts by direct action on the tubercle bacilli, while Landgraf suggests that it is partly owing to the action of the cantharidin in increasing serous exudation and mechanically washing away the detritus.