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paper, or into an ordinary cup containing water, used for this purpose alone, the contents of which, like the sputum cup and the newspaper, are thrown into the fire after use.

44. Is there any danger in a patient swallowing his sputum?

Certainly there is; for the contained bacilli may plant themselves in the intestines or elsewhere, and set up new spots of disease.

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45. What are the precautions which a patient should take when he coughs?

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He should cover his mouth with a piece of paper, or a clean rag, which should then be burnt.

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46. Are there any other ways by which a patient can transmit the disease?

Everything that comes in contact with his mouth is a possible carrier for the microbe — spoon, fork, cup, glass, etc.

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47. What are the necessary precautions to take against infection by those means?

The patient should, if possible, have his own set of utensils, and everything put to his mouth should regularly be boiled after use.