

PERIOD OF INCUBATION OF THE INFECTIOUS FEVERS.—Diphtheria, two to seven days; oftenest two.

Typhoid fever, eight to fourteen days; sometimes twenty-three.

Influenza, one to four days; oftenest three to four.

Measles, seven to eighteen days; oftenest fourteen.

Mumps, two to three weeks; oftenest three weeks.

Rubeola, two to three weeks.

Scarlet fever, one to seven days; oftenest two to four.

Smallpox, nine to fifteen days; oftenest twelve.—*Ex.*

ICHTHYOL IN THE TREATMENT OF GONORRHOEA:—JADASSOHN (*Deutsche med. Wochenschrift*, 1892, Nos. 38 u. 39) reports thirty-seven cases of gonorrhœa in the female treated by injections of solution of ichthyol (from one to ten per cent.). He has found the drug most valuable in cases of specific urethritis and cervical endometritis. It is applied either on an applicator or on strips of gauze, which are left *in situ* for an hour. A ten per cent. solution in glycerin is used in the cervical canal. In the early stage of acute gonorrhœa he thinks that ichthyol is even better than nitrate of silver.—*Amer. Jour. Med. Sciences.*

A MODIFIED CANNON-BALL TREATMENT OF OBESITY.—Dr. Felkin, of Edinburg, uses an India rubber ball, three and one-half inches in diameter, almost filled with five and three-quarter pounds of shot, in the treatment of chronic constipation, anemia, and obesity. The patients are instructed to roll the ball from right to left round the abdomen for five or ten minutes night and morning. One of his patients had lost ten inches in girth after five months' regular use of it. A rather smaller ball, with a less quantity of shot, he finds very useful in inducing a regular action of the bowels in young girls, who so frequently suffer from

habitual constipation: this plan obviated the need for constant dosing.—*Med. Record.*

THE TREATMENT OF GONORRHOEA IN WOMEN.—Dr. Brose treats acute cases by douches of chloride of zinc or sublimate, the urethra receiving 1 to 5 per cent. solutions of nitrate of silver by injection. In local treatment the cervix demands attention, and the application of strong solutions of chloride of zinc (to 50 per cent.) has been followed by the best results, although the practice is not without danger. Intra-uterine applications are likely to be followed by salpingitis and pelvic peritonitis, and are rarely necessary. Relatively dangerous is the washing out and injection of the uterine cavity with remedies designed to disinfect it; a harmless and proper method is the application of caustic remedies upon a sound wrapped with cotton, or in the form of pencils; or the method of Fritsch may be employed—mechanical dilatation of the uterus and packing the cavity with strips of gauze wet with a 2 per cent. solution of nitrate silver, repeated daily for two weeks. The chronic urethritis is treated through the endoscope by a 5 to 20 per cent. solution of nitrate of silver.—*Deutsche Med. Wochenschrift*, 1893, No. 18, S. 419.

LAST year much joy was given to the Parisians by a man with a musical anus. This year medicine supplies the curiosity. At the close of the Congress for the Advancement of Science the members of the Section of Medicine had a banquet. At dessert the "venerable Dr. Schiff, of Geneva, who presided," entertained the company by playing the "Marseillaise" with abductor muscles of his feet. Strong rhythmic contractions produced a sound audible for two or three metres. He is said to be the only possessor of this accomplishment in society, which, however, does not prevent him from being a gallant gentleman and a scholar.—*Au contraire!*—*Cor. Boston Medical and Surgical Journal.*