

Ewart writes disparagingly of it in Albutt's system of Medicine. My own experience has not, however, confirmed his unfavorable prognostications. It has been used at the Cincinnati Branch Hospital for consumptives daily for the past two years, during which time thousands of injections have been given. No complications have ever caused us to regard its use with apprehension; but on the other hand we consider it an indispensable factor in contributing to the relief of those committed to our care.

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SOME CONDITIONS OF HEALING BY FIRST INTENTION, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO DISINFECTION OF HANDS.

The author's conclusions as to the possibility of securing primary union of operation wounds with or without gloves are as follows:

1. *Either*: Do use sterilized rubber gloves for every operation when you wish to be quite independent as to the form of your nails, the touching of everything you like, and the liberty to wash or not to wash your hands, and when you can spend plenty of money. Put your covered hand from time to time in a strong antiseptic solution (best, two-per-cent. sublimate) during a long operation, if you wish to be very careful.

2. *Or*: Do never wear gloves for operations, do what you like between your operations, but poison yourself every time before you operate by brushing and bathing your hands for ten minutes in a strong, hot sublimate solution after thorough washing and cleansing with hot water, soap and alcohol for fifteen minutes. Repeat a short antiseptic ablution frequently during a long operation, when you wish to be very careful.

3. *Or*: Go the golden middle-way; avoid touching with uncovered hands any infective or septic material *between* the operations or wash it carefully away at once, cut