

twenty years ago a French surgeon, still living, had a case of cancer of the breast which was too far advanced for operation. As the surgeon was not very cleanly, not being acquainted with our methods of antisepsis, the patient developed erysipelas, and after nearly dying, recovered. About a month later she had a second attack of erysipelas, after which the growth took on a benign appearance and progressed to recovery. Since then two surgeons have been inoculating cancerous patients with the germs of erysipelas, and now report the cure of six cases.

**INHALATION OF IODIDE OF MERCURY IN TUBERCULOSIS OF THE LUNGS.**—After prolonged observation (*Therap Gaz.*) Drs. Miguel and Rueff have reported favorably on this method of treating phthisis. One part of biniodide of mercury and one part of iodide of potassium are dissolved in 1000 parts of distilled water, and this solution is employed in the form of a spray; at first only once daily, and later, when the patients have been accustomed to it, twice daily. In cases where the irritation was excessive the solution was diluted to one-half its strength, without deteriorating from the germicidal powers. One of the chief conditions of success is to prolong the treatment, and this can be done for a year or more without evil effect to the patient.

**CHRYSOPHANIC ACID IN ACNE.**—Dr. Metcalf highly recommends this agent in acne. He says he has not failed to cure perfectly any case in which the treatment has been adopted. The face is to be washed with soap and well dried, at night. Before retiring, the parts in which the acne is, are to be well rubbed with an ointment of 3 grains of the acid to the ounce of vaseline, and this is repeated nightly until a sharp inflammation of the skin ensues. The inunction is then omitted till the dermatitis is gone, when it is repeated. In most cases a 3-grain ointment is of sufficient strength, but occasionally the strength is to be increased up to 5 grains to the ounce, or even more. The patients are to be cautioned about the staining of their fingers and clothes and to guard their eyes.

**NITRATE OF POTASSIUM FOR CHILLS.**—Dr. Hunter, of New Orleans, reports in *Texas Med. Jour.* a number of cases of chills in which marked bene-

fit was obtained by the use of nitre in doses of about thirty grains. The remedy was not infallible, but in most cases some relief was afforded, and in many a permanent cure was obtained. To abort a malarial chill, he says, has heretofore been difficult of accomplishment, but to abort and at the same time effect a radical cure with a few grains of so simple a salt is without precedent in medical experience. One of his cases was a chill following the opening of an abscess, the others were all malarial in their origin.

**SPARE YOUR DOCTOR.**—The *Albany Press* says: "Never telephone or send for a doctor to come immediately, when you can just as well say: 'Any time this morning will do, or come as soon as it is convenient.' You may be causing others much more dangerously ill than yourself to wait unnecessarily. Furthermore, remember that every man needs one day in seven in which to rest. Spare your doctor his Sundays, if possible. No one should work three hundred and sixty-five days in the year, and consume part of the nights as well, and face the inclemency of all weathers, climate, and seasons, without having proper chance for rest and recuperation. Eminently sound doctrine. But even under these adverse circumstances the doctor would not complain if the patient did not so often forget the character of the services when the bill is sent. We should say spare your doctor, and also pay your doctor."

THE British Government have appointed a Commission to investigate the question of tubercular infection from food. They are required to report on "what is the effect, if any, of food derived from tuberculous animals on human health; and, if prejudicial, what are the circumstances and conditions with regard to the tuberculosis in the animal which produce that effect upon man."

**THOMPSON'S REMEDY** for tape worm (*Pacific Med. Jour.*) recommended by Læbsch is: Chloroform ℥j, simple syrup ℥j. Agitate together and give in three doses, one at seven, another at nine, and the third at eleven a.m. Follow this one hour later with an ounce of castor oil.

SAYS the *Hosp. Gazette*: The civilised woman has a good deal to put up with, especially as concerns the perpetuation of her species. Owing to a lack