

length of time by the addition to it of even a small quantity. I was able to preserve eight ounces for three weeks by the addition of twenty grains.

There is no fluid more prone to undergo decomposition than the serum of milk when it is exposed to a warm atmosphere; if, however, the atmosphere is saturated with naphthalin, no micro-organisms will develop in the fluid.

If fresh pus taken from a recently-opened abscess be exposed to the air for a day or two, it teems with an innumerable number of bacteria and micrococci; but the addition of naphthalin, even in minute quantities, will prevent for weeks the formation of these micro-organisms.

An infusion of pancreas is probably more difficult to keep from undergoing decomposition than any other fluid. From an extensive series of experiments, Fischer, of Strasbourg has shown that naphthalin is even more efficacious than iodoform in effecting this.

Vegetable and animal parasites of all kinds are quickly killed by naphthalin.

II. *On Man and the Higher Animals.*—Animals compelled to breathe an atmosphere saturated with naphthalin for twenty-four hours are not visibly affected in any way.

Even when a strong ointment is well rubbed into the skin of the whole body of a dog the animal does not present any symptoms whatever.