

Sterility Among X-Ray Workers.

The dangers attending the continuous use of the X-ray, and especially the dangers which menace the operator, are not yet fully appreciated. Jordan claims that any man who works daily with the ray for a year or two, even if he takes reasonable care, becomes sterile. By reasonable care this observer means the keeping of the X-ray apparatus in a protected box, the use of a protective shield for the tube, the wearing by the operator of a protective apron, and keeping at a distance of several yards from the direct ray. This being the case, it seems certain that the ordinary operator of the X-ray in this country has been protected in a very inadequate manner. So far as we know, statistics regarding the sterility of X-ray workers have not been collected. It would be of interest to gather such figures, and it would also be of interest to determine whether operators who give up the X-ray work recover from their sterility. This is a point which has never been settled. In the meantime every X-ray worker, even the practitioner who occasionally uses the X-ray for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes, should bear this danger in mind and take protective steps. The protection of the tube so far as is possible, the use of a strongly protective apron, and the interposition between the operator and the ray of screens guarded by heavy sheet lead should be carried out in every instance.—*J. A. M. A.*

Irritable Bladder.

The following has been advised in irritable bladder in neurasthenic subjects:

R Tincture belladonnæ.
Liquoris potassi hydroxidi, of each ʒj.
Potassi citratis, ʒij.
Aque anisi, ʒij.
Aque cinnamoni, q. s. ad ʒvi.

Misce. Signa: One tablespoonful every four hours.—*Medical Bulletin.*

There seems to be an increasing call for the doctor to enter politics—but how can a good doctor afford to turn his attention into such entirely foreign paths? There is nothing about the practice of medicine that particularly qualifies a man for such public questions as belong to a statesman, aside from those that pertain to sanitation and hygiene. And a man who gives up an established practice for the fickle term of a political office, in nine times out of ten awakens to the realization of having made a huge mistake.—*Clinical Review.*