

When the patient enters the hospital the day before the operation, he is given two ounces of castor oil in lager beer, which disguises the taste, followed by a small amount of beer. A light supper and both are given the evening before the operation, but nothing in the way of food or drink is given the morning of operation. The diet for supper is modified in stomach cases. They get egg-nog or milk only and their stomachs are washed out if there is any obstruction.

All cases are shaved in the preparation room on the morning of operation. Nothing is applied to the shaved surface. They are washed with ordinary soap and water, using only gauze sponges on the operating table, after which the operative field is washed off with Harrington's solution for thirty seconds, and then thoroughly with 70 per cent. alcohol.

Harrington's solution is expected to destroy germ life in thirty seconds. The formula of this solution is:—

Hydrarg. Bichlor. ....	3-2
Acid hydrochloric .....	240-0
Aq. dest. ....	1,200-0
Alcohol .....	2,560

In dirty emergency cases and those with plaster adhering, spirit of turpentine is used to clean the surface. In cases suffering from shock saline solution is given per rectum, about one quart being administered, and this may be repeated. Occasionally brandy is given with the saline solution. Saline is rarely used subcutaneously. A hypo of strychnine is rarely used.

Stomach and goitre cases are given morph., gr.  $\frac{1}{6}$ , one-half hour before operation, and goitre cases get, in addition, atrop. sulph., gr.  $\frac{1}{120}$ .

Hot water is commenced on afternoon of operation, one ounce at a time in ordinary cases. In suture cases of the stomach hot water is commenced in twenty-four hours, beer on the second day, buttermilk on the third, alternating with the beer; toast and light diet on eighth or ninth day, gradually going to solid food. If vomiting is protracted or returns, the stomach is washed out and calomel, gr.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , is given until eight or nine doses are taken. Uncomplicated abdominal cases get one ounce of castor oil on the fourth day. Drainage cases are not usually given castor oil until the seventh day. Soap enemas are given at any time gas becomes troublesome. Seidlitz powder is given in gall bladder cases on the sixth day. Cascara in stomach cases on the tenth day. In cases showing obstructive signs a long rectal tube is used for enemata, first with soap and water, second with magnesia sulph. and glycerine, third with one drachm of alum to a pint of water, fourth, if