

particular dietetic regimen continued for a few days affords more benefit than almost anything else we could give. Large quantities of milk produce alkalization of the urine, and produce it more effectually than does the administration of drugs during the acute, or, what Van Buren and Keys have termed, the ascending stage of the disease.

When the disease has come to a stand-still—when the purulent discharge has begun to diminish, antiseptic injections should be given; the bichloride of mercury is the most reliable remedy we have. It may be used in a solution of half a grain to four ounces of rose-water. There is one very important point with reference to the bichloride of mercury which we will mention. If there is any remedy to which there is a varying susceptibility on the part of the mucous membrane, it is this drug. Some patients using the drug in the strength of one-eighth grain to the ounce may not complain of any immediate effects of the injection, but after its use for a few times will find that urination is painful. Retention from inflammation may occur in a few patients who are using solutions much milder than those which have been found to perfectly agree with others. In using bichloride of mercury, it should be given in a strength of, on an average, half a grain of the drug to four ounces of rose-water and glycerine. In a few days, or perhaps a week, it will be found that the bichloride has lost its beneficial effect. After a few days it will be necessary to substitute astringent injections, and if these are properly and carefully used, it makes no difference what form of astringent is selected. Matico, hydrastis, etc., are as useful as anything. In the way of minereal astringents the sulpho-carbolate of zinc, glycerine and rose-water form a good combination. If the case does not get along well, the explanation is not that the injection is improper, or that some other form of astringent would be better, but usually that the patient is carousing with women, drinking or over-exerting himself. Patients are very apt to tell us that an injection does not work well in spite of their good habits, but as a matter of fact they lie in a great many cases.

As regards balsams, we believe that they have decided virtues