

seven weeks after I saw it, a mass of putridity. Mrs. B., of course, immediately ceased nursing the child, and soon after went into the Montreal General Hospital, where, with few intervals, she remained for two years. She had leprous, and gangrenous pustular eruptions, ulcers of the throat and nose, iritis and nodes. She left the Hospital a miserable victim of syphilitic pains and cachexia, her face disfigured by copper-coloured cicatrices, and her powers of industry gone. She lingered for three years, when death mercifully closed the scene. I do not believe that there is any similar case on record, but it proves that the syphilitic poison may be still so concentrated as to reach not only the second, but even the third incubation.

Closely allied to the above is the following instructive case. Mrs. M., in her first and second confinements, was delivered of still-born babes; she was attended by a midwife. I assisted at the birth of the third, which was also still-born, having evidently died several days before. Having cured the husband of chancres when a bachelor, and having treated him for secondary symptoms since his marriage, I explained to him that the death of his children was clearly owing to a syphilitic taint, and suggested the propriety of his being salivated, to which he readily consented, and took the iodide of mercury for the purpose. The next child was again born dead, which also occurred several days before birth. The mother was always conscious of the event. I now proposed salivation to the mother; as although she had had neither primary nor secondary syphilis, yet I could only attribute the death of the last fœtus to taint in her system. She took the iodide of mercury also. The result was most happy. The next child was born alive; he is now nearly six years old, as active, healthy and vigorous a boy as any in Montreal. In two years he was followed by another bouncing boy, who enjoys the same rude health. Up to the period of my leaving Montreal, I occasionally treated Mr. M. for tertiary disease, which I suppose was in reality mercurial.

In this case the following questions suggest themselves. Was the mother's system poisoned, although no symptoms manifested themselves externally? If not, why did not the salivation of the father alone suffice to prevent the death of the fœtus?

Mrs. M. has had no more children.

2. *New use of Iodide of Zinc.*

Its value in reducing enlargement of the tonsils is now pretty generally acknowledged by the profession, and I have used it in several cases with satisfactory results. I had a case of venereal ulceration of the throat which resisted the acid pernitrate of mercury. As an experiment I employed the iodide of zinc with immediate improvement, followed by a