

granulations are healthy, it is no longer advisable to use iodoform, but to employ in its place a 2 per cent. carbolic acid solution. When the chancre has healed, and there is left simply a nodule, the best application is one part of corrosive sublimate to fifty parts of water or a diluted mercurial plaster.

2nd. *The Treatment of the Second Stage of the Disease.*—Is it possible to prevent the secondary symptoms of syphilis? This question is answered distinctly in the negative here. It is considered certain that there are no known means dietetic, hygienic or medicinal that can prevent the infection of the system once the local sore has become fairly seated. Sigmund has found, from the observation of many thousand cases left untreated, that in forty per cent. the secondary symptoms are very slight, so slight that in quite a number of the cases they escape the patient's observation. The treatment of the secondary stage of the disease is not commenced until the particular form that it assumes is evident. If the patient has an excellent constitution and a good appetite, it is not considered necessary to give him either iodine or mercury, for it is claimed that robust health with a good appetite, and strict attention to personal cleanliness stand next to mercury and iodine as antidotes to the poison of syphilis. During the two to three years that the secondary stage is supposed to last the patient has two or more relapses, and as a relapse is always more difficult to get rid of, it is recommended when the first secondary symptoms are slight not to give either iodine or mercury, but to reserve these agents for a later period. If iodine is used for the first crop of secondaries, it will be found to have much less effect on the second or third crops, than if it had not been used during the first. This statement applies also to mercury. It is further maintained that this is true not only of the different crops of the second stage, but also of those of the third stage of the disease. If iodine is used for the treatment of the second stage of syphilis, it will be found to have much less effect over the tertiary symptoms than mercury, and if mercury is used for the secondary stage it will be found to have a less influence over the third stage than iodine.