

She was continued on the remedy for two weeks longer, and has continued well ever since, a period of about four months.

CASE VIII.—Mr. C. H., an old gentleman of eighty-two years, was troubled with marked eczema of a squamous nature localized upon the backs of his hands. Being placed upon the same treatment as Case VII. much more rapid results were observed. He has had numerous relapses, however, due to the fact that he will handle mortar and similar irritating substances, including frequent washing of the hands. A strict adherence to injunctions, however is always followed by a rapid return to the normal. Of course water externally is always prohibited in these cases of eczema.

CASE IX.—Mr. A. F., a young man of thirty-two years, applied for treatment for undefined pains in the head and swellings of the forefinger and thumb of the right hand, on the left ramus of the jaw, and over the right clavicle. He had contracted syphilis some five years before. He was given mercurio in fifteen-drop doses, to be increased five drops every week until vertigo declared itself, when the remedy was to be discontinued for a time. Marked effects for the better declared themselves long before the thirty-drop doses were taken. These latter had to be discontinued after a week on account of the vertigo which declared itself. The swellings, however, had gone down, the backache and headache had disappeared, and the patient slept quietly and was refreshed, something he had not known for a year previously. He resumed the treatment after a rest of two weeks and feels strong and buoyant instead of weak and melancholic.

CASE X.—Mr. O. W., a married man of forty-three years, contracted syphilis about two years and a half ago. The condition remained unrecognized for about six months. He then applied to me for treatment. His symptoms disappeared rapidly under active mercurial treatment followed by the mixed. I lost sight of him for about a year, when he applied for the relief of a bursa of the left knee which had been cut open by a surgeon. It returned, and he was advised an elastic knee-cap and placed upon mercurio in twenty-drop doses three times a day. The

bursa gradually reduced, and the patient, deeming the elastic bandage sufficient, discarded the medicine. The effusion began increasing and he quickly resumed the mercurio, and I had the satisfaction of observing the effusion entirely disappear. The patient indulged in increased doses which brought on vertigo. This symptom disappeared, however, upon resuming the original quantity. So far as any other syphilitic symptoms are concerned, they are not evident, and the patient feels both cheerful and contented.

These cases have been roughly outlined so as not to weary the reader. They are what might be called sample cases from a large number of similar ones which have terminated favorably under the influence of the gold preparations mentioned. One feature which has been particularly noticed in connection with mercurio is its marked aphrodisiac properties. While only male patients have mentioned this, no doubt the female ones experienced similar sensations or exhilaration. This latter has been alluded to by a number of patients of both sexes. There is no doubt in my mind that the bromide of gold is the most efficient salt of the metal, and it appears to exercise a two-fold effect therapeutically—viz., it increases the action of the arsenic and mercury with which it is combined, and at same time it seems to prevent the manifestation of toxic symptoms. It is itself very efficient, if we are to believe competent authority, which states positively that bromide of gold is thirty times as efficient as the other bromides.

So far as the preparations mentioned are concerned, they are efficient and rapid in action and the manifest effects of the gold are evident. An exact dosage by means of measuring the drops is attained and ease of administration is secured, no disturbance of the stomach resulting from their ingestion. The vertigo which is experienced disappears as soon as the dose is diminished. I have had no occasion to observe aurism up to the present. In fact, I have seen none but the good effects of these gold preparations. One point, however, must be borne in mind. The indications presented must be as such as demand gold. Some of the older writers main-