

is claimed for it than the diminution of night sweats and improvement of the appetite in phthisical cases, it will mark an epoch in the treatment of this disease, the scourge of the whole human race. Patients state that injections can be given more satisfactorily and with less uneasiness when the bowels have been emptied. The injection should be given thrice daily, and, as it interferes with digestion, it should be administered one hour before or three hours after meals. Natural waters the Red Sulphur Springs of Virginia and the Mount Clemens waters of Michigan are used in the Philadelphia Hospital. The following formula was first used in this institution: sodium sulphide sodium, chloride, a a gr v, water 22 ounces James W. Queen & Co., of Philadelphia, supply Dr. Bergeon's complete instruments for this treatment.

HOSPITAL REPORTS.

CASES OCCURRING IN THE PRACTICE OF THE WINNIPEG GENERAL HOSPITAL, UNDER CARE OF DR. R. B. FERGUSON (REPORTED BY E. B. O'REILLY, M. D., HOUSE SURGEON.)

Case Nephritic Abscess—J. M., aged 38, was admitted to the Hospital on May 22nd, 1887, complaining of an enlargement in the right lumbar region.

History—Patient states she is the mother of seven children and has had three miscarriages; her last child was born on November, 9th, 1886. Her father died aged 72, and her mother of phthisis at the age of 55.

She first noticed a lump in the right iliac region. When noticed it was the size of a hen's egg, freely moveable and not painful. Five weeks before admission it rapidly increased in size and became very painful to the touch. At this time she suffered from severe attacks of vomiting. She was

treated by counter-irritation, but experienced no relief. She attributes the growth to an injury received about six months ago from the kick of a cow.

Present Condition—The patient is weak, emaciated and anemic, and is subject to frequent hysterical attacks. A firm, defined, immovable growth about the size of a child's head may be felt in the right lumbar region. Temperature—morning, 100° Fah.; evening, 102½° Fah. Urine normal in quantity, but containing a large amount of pus and at times a trace of blood. After admission her general health improved.

Operation June 9th—Patient was etherized, and a posterior incision about four inches in length was made, and 18 ounces of laudable pus was evacuated from the right kidney. The cavity of the abscess was washed out with warm boracic lotion, a large drainage tube introduced, the wound brought together with wire sutures, and an iodoform dressing applied with an abdominal binder. After the operation the patient felt comfortable.

June 11th—Urine contains no pus; temperature normal; amount of pus evacuated by drainage tube in 24 hours about 1 ounce.

June 13th—The sutures were removed and the wound had healed by first intention.

Remarks—Since the above date the drainage tube has been washed out daily with warm boracic lotion. The patient is comfortable and able to sit up. The discharge is gradually growing less, and the anterior enlargement has entirely disappeared.

WINNIPEG, June 25th, 1887.

HOSPITAL NOTES.

WINNIPEG GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Up to the present time 317 in-door patients, of whom 25 were private.