

and that it can be inoculated in animals from man (artificial tubercle). There is, further, a possibility, based on certain peculiar morphological resemblances of the formations, that bovine tuberculosis is communicable to man.

15. If the foregoing data be true, it follows that tuberculosis is an infective disease, probably due to the presence of a virus, which gives rise to the development of peculiar tissue-formations, capable of localized or general propagation in the body, and characterized mainly by their tendency to early disintegration.

16. Until the nature of the virus is known, it is impossible to formulate data concerning the conditions under which the disease arises in subjects free from inherited taint.

Cascara Sagrada for Constipation.—

For the past two years I have been making constant use in my practice of the fluid extract of Cascara Sagrada (*Rhamnus Purshiana*) for chronic constipation. It always affords relief in even the most obstinate and inveterate cases, and often seems to effect a permanent cure. My methods of using it are as follows: For persons who do not object to the intense bitter taste of the medicine in plain water, I order a two-ounce bottle of the fluid extract, with directions to begin by taking ten drops in a wineglass of water before each meal. If within two or three days this does not produce a regular natural evacuation every morning, the patient is told to increase the dose by two or three drops every day until the required effect is produced; then to continue with that amount regularly three times a day for a week or ten days. At the expiration of this time, I advise that the dose be decreased again by taking one drop less every day, until it is reduced to nothing. Then, if the habit of soliciting a movement punctually at a regular time every morning is kept up, there is usually no more difficulty. In many cases the initial dose of ten drops three times a day is quite sufficient. Occasionally it is found too much, and five or six drops answers every purpose. In the more obstinate cases, however,—cases of patients who have accustomed themselves to take three or four compound cathartic pills, or some harsher quack concoction, every few weeks