

The period of incubation means the time which elapses from exposure to the disease, till the disease manifests itself. This varies from a few hours to twelve or fourteen days.

There is not any known means by which scarlet fever can be prevented attacking those who are susceptible, when they are exposed. It is therefore of the greatest possible importance, that the well should be protected by the isolation of those who have the disease. No matter how mild the attack, isolation should be thoroughly carried out. A mild case can produce a malignant one, the severity depending upon the susceptibility of the patient.

*Isolation &c.*—A child with a sore throat, fever, and a red rash, should at once be isolated, and a physician called in to decide as to its nature. If he state that it is scarlet fever, the isolation should be thorough and complete. The patient should be placed on the top flat of the house in the largest and best ventilated room, which must be cleared of all needless clothing, drapery, carpets, etc., to which the poison is likely to become attached. Even clothing in closed drawers or wardrobes, must not