

problem of how to live after the disease has been arrested is one of paramount importance. Already the public is becoming fairly well educated on the main topics relating to tuberculosis, and the one that has sunk the deepest in the public mind is the feeling that tuberculosis is contagious; hence in the narrower field that is open to the employment of women, which is largely in a sedentary way and in comparatively close contact with others, the problem of occupation is all-important. For working-men there is a much wider range of choice. The man who has been employed within doors can obtain work on the farm or in various out-of-door occupations, but the number of places open to women in out-of-door work is very limited. To return to the same surroundings under which the disease was contracted is almost certain to mean a recurrence. Discussing this one feature of the antituberculosis crusade shows how the problem of tuberculosis is essentially a sociologic and economic one. With the disease arrested it is highly important to discuss the question of after-care.—*Medicine*.

Recognition of Albumin Bodies in Urine.

T. W. Hastings, in *The Medical Record* (July 7, 1906), refers to the fact that the term albuminuria is loosely used to designate the presence of any albumin body in the urine which responds to the tests for albuminous material. It is possible to have in the urine several kinds of albumin bodies. The ordinary tests such as nitric acid, or this acid plus heat, may throw out nucleo-albumin. In order to test the presence of serum albumin, which is alone an evidence of pathological states, the best test is the use of a saturated solution of sodium chloride acidulated with 5 to 10 drops of 50-per-cent. acetic acid. Mix the urine with such a solution and boil the upper one-third of the urine. Any pathologic albumin will be precipitated. If this test is carried out in a routine way much more satisfactory and reliable results are reached than by the older methods of testing for albumin. It is important to examine the urine within six hours after it is gathered, otherwise the products of bacterial disintegration may interfere with moderate reactions for albumin.—*Medicine*.

Paget's Disease.

Hartzell (*Journal of Cutaneous Diseases*) describes two cases of Paget's disease treated by the X-ray. The first healed entirely, but this healing was followed by the development of a breast tumor a year after complete cure of the skin lesion. The second case ran an identical course, excepting the mammary carcinoma had not reached the same stage at the time of report.