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NOTES ON ACUTE TONSILLITIS.

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The facts that now and again I meet with references to an article upon "Acute Tonsillitis," contributed by me to *The Medical News* for August 11, 1883, and that further observation has somewhat modified, somewhat enlarged the views there expressed, lead me to make a brief record of later experience.

I still believe that for therapeutic purposes the distinction between rheumatic and non-rheumatic cases is most important, the former requiring constitutional treatment, the latter being often amenable to topical treatment only. Excluding from consideration those cases in which obvious

endocarditis or pericarditis or articular inflammation co-exists with, or precedes, or follows, the manifestations of sore throat there is still a large number of cases that, may be considered rheumatic.

The local treatment that I now advise in *rheumatic cases* is the use of a gargle, slightly modified from that of which the formula (not original with me) has been and is still being so widely copied from my communication to *The Medical News* previously referred to.

It consists of four fluid-drams of the ammoniated tincture of guaiac, shaken up with two fluid-drams of compound tincture of cinchona and six fluid-drams of refined honey, to which are slowly added two fluid ounces of the concentrated infusion of coca, and enough water to complete the six ounces, in which are dissolved ninety grains of sodium salicylate. At intervals varying from a half-hour to two hours, a tablespoon-