

gleet and a liability to the formation of stricture. Injections very often act in the same way if used frequently.

We do not believe in the practice of passing into the urethra medicated applications in the acute stage of the disease. We have tried soluble bougies, hot water irrigations, and various other things that have been recommended, with but little benefit. We do not believe any antiseptic in combination with an ointment is capable of paralyzing the gonococci, as has been stated. When the surgeon passes an instrument into the canal it carries the discharge into the deeper portions of the urethra, and unless the ointment is sufficiently powerful, he will defeat the very object he aims to secure by his applications.

We have noted objections to the use of irrigation by the recurrent catheter in gonorrhœa. Dr. Palmer, of Louisville, recently wrote an able article on a particular method of treatment of urethritis by irrigation. After reading Dr. Palmer's article on the subject we tried the method, and immediately had a succession of cases of inflammation of the vesical neck and prostate. A number of cases of epididymitis arose, and seemingly were also due to the manipulations of the canal. The poison is carried by the catheter into the deeper portions of the canal, and the inflammation extends to the deep urethra by affecting contiguous structures. By any of these mechanical methods a greater number of cases will be affected by complications and become chronic than under ordinary conservative methods of treatment.

The probabilities are that if we treated cases of gonorrhœa as we treat other diseases of like severity and importance as regards serious complications and results, we would have very few cases of stricture, very few cases of abscess, and very few cases of epididymitis or bladder troubles secondary to gonorrhœa. If every man with a gonorrhœa went to bed and remained there for two or three weeks there would not be one-tenth part of the number of strictures which we have now to treat.

The regulation of the diet is a most important feature of treatment of genito-urinary troubles of an inflammatory character. The patient should be instructed to live on bread and milk. This