

irrigation of both portions of the urethra, to prevent recurrent acute urethritis. 6. Omission of this irrigation is sometimes permissible for diagnostic purposes. The frequency with which prostatic massage may be done is quite variable. Ordinarily, afrebrile cases of mixed follicular and parenchymatous types bear daily massage well. After six or eight days, the interval between massages may be lengthened one day until five or seven days are reached. Old follicular prostatitis do not seem to tolerate treatment oftener than every third day, increasing the interval with the improvement. In the prostatic treatment, the following ends must be attained:—Evacuation of the infecting focus or foci; effective emptying of other diseased follicles; *restitutio ad integrum* of newly infected areas. The selection of the irrigating fluid depends upon the microscopic findings, silver preparations being preferable when gonococci persist; when gonococci disappear, other bacteria remaining, solutions of corrosive sublimate are indicated; where no bacteria are demonstrable, astringents should be used.—*N. Y. Medical Record—St. Louis Medical Review.*

ARROGANCE IN MEDICINE.

The possession of mentality tends to breed arrogance in its owner. The individual is usually unconscious of this, but the effects are equally mischievous. It requires genuine humility, consideration for the rights and needs of others, to keep this arrogance within bounds.

In medical writers and teachers we find this natural tendency makes them ignore the real needs of those who depend upon them for instruction in the everyday cases which engage most of their attention, and the successful handling of which means to them advancement and reputation, in order to discourse exhaustively about some *rara avis*, which a majority of physicians do not see once in a lifetime.

Medical men, who have long since mastered the treatment of minor functional ailments, no longer take an interest in them, and are unwilling to linger over the A B C of practice, but it is precisely here that the medical novice needs special drilling, with all the light that long experience and a masterful mind can shed.

Most of the troubles which bring people to the doctor for help are simple functional troubles—the bad cold, the persistent headache, the acute indigestion, the pelvic pain and dragging, the torpid liver, rheumatism, etc., these are the things they want to be relieved of. And nine times