

The great obstacle to the more general use of the plant is, and ever has been, its smell. Thanks to Dr. Sedan, of Marseilles, this has been overcome. He combined trimethanal with the active medicinal principle of the plant, forming a chemical product, Aniodal. Its bactericide properties are vouched for by M. Merieux, director of the Pasteur Institute of Lyons, who in 1902 found it possessed marked bactericide properties in a 1/5600 solution. The salt is odorless, colorless, of a stable composition, and of very slight toxic power. For the past ten years I have had very satisfactory results from its use.

I am Sir, yours very truly,

GEORGE FOY.

Dublin, October 30th, 1915.

GARLIC JUICE IN THE TREATMENT OF SUPPURATING WOUNDS

To the Editor of The Medical Press and Circular.

SIR,—I am pleased to see the letter in your issue of October 20th from the pen of Dr. A. D. Serrell Cooke calling attention to some of the virtues of oleum allii, which cannot be too widely known, as, in my opinion, this drug, from a practical point of view, is the most valuable of all the antiseptics which have heretofore been introduced. It has been my custom for the past fifteen years to endeavor to ascertain the value of this drug in all conditions of diseases caused by the invasions of different bacilli into the human body; and I have found it quite astonishing to note what a large number of diseases are safely and surely cured by its use; and, also, the number of poisons and stings of insects, such as wasps, etc., which are neutralized by it, whilst the rapidity of its action is always remarkable. I have brought many references to it before the profession since 1902, chiefly in connection with tuberculosis. So far as I am aware, with regard to this disease no large experiments have been made in hospitals with it, with the sole exception of the Metropolitan Hospital, New York. At this hospital, under the supervision of Dr. Marshall Wm. McDuffie, fifty-six different modern treatments were put to a trial as to their merits as specifics in tuberculous disease. One thousand and eighty-two cases of various forms of tuberculosis were treated by means of these treatments. Garlic gave the best