

## SPECIFIC TREATMENT.

1. Metallic mercury should be given the preference in the commencement of treatment, mercury and chalk being a very ideal form of the same. It can be administered in doses of from 2 to 5 grains *ter in die*, in conjunction with *nux vomica* and *hyoscyamus* to prevent griping and some of the easily assimilable ferruginous preparations if anemia co-exists, as follows :—

R/ Hydrarg. cum creta, gr. 63.....	gm. 4.18
Extr. nucis vomicae, gr. 5.....	gm. 0.30
Extr. hyoscyami, gr. 7.....	gm. 0.42
Ferri lactatis, gr. 20.....	gm. 1.30

M. et ft. cap. No. 21.

One. *ter in die*, 2 hours after meals, and should be continued for 7 days, after which a bitter tonic in combination with belladonna and arsenic in a vehicle of wine of kola is to be exhibited for about three days.

The author makes use of the subjoined prescription :—

R/ Tr. nuc. vom., dr. 1.....	c. c. 4.0
Tr. quassiae, dr. 3.....	c. c. 12.0
Tr. belladonnae,	
Liq. pot. arsenitis, aa dr. 1.....	c. c. 4.0
Vin. kolae, q. s. oz. 4.....	c. c. 120.0

M. Sig. dr. 2 before meals with water. The three days of intermission are termed the *short period of repose*, in contradistinction to the long period of intermission, to be delineated in detail later on.

2. The protoiodid of mercury is the form next to be employed. It can be given in doses of from gr.  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  t. i. d., either alone or together with the tartrate of iron and ammonium. The length of time of administration is one week, to be followed by the same tonic as mentioned in the preceding section, for three days, which constitutes another period of repose.

3. Mercuric iodid gr.  $\frac{1}{16}$  to  $\frac{1}{8}$  t. i. d., is then exhibited in the same manner as above, with a similar period of intermission, wherein tonics are used.

4. Inunctions of unguent., hydrargyri (U. S. P.) or, what is better, mercury vasogen (which is supposed to be metallic mercury with an oxidized hydro-carbon as a base) may be employed. Before applying the same, however, the portion of the skin to be anointed is washed with an alkaline solution, followed by a brisk rub with alcohol, after which the mercurial ointment is thoroughly applied with friction, the most appropriate time for its application being the hour of retiring, and it must be continued for 12 consecutive evenings. Twelve regions of the body are