

clothes, has two important advantages not possessed by the ordinary method of administration under a cane chair—viz., 1st. that the patient's body is placed in a mercurial atmosphere so long as he remains in bed: 2nd, that he is enabled to apply the fumigating process to the throat, larynx, nasal passages, and bronchial mucous membrane, by respiring the vaporised air for a limited time under the bed-clothes: 3rd, that the luxury combined with the greatly increased warmth obtained by this method of administration commends itself to the approval and satisfaction of the patient, not enjoyed by other methods. As a corollary, patients have been more ready to carry out to successful termination this method of treatment by mercurial fumigation. A cradle is necessary to support the bed-clothes, and raise them from the bath. For poor patients, unable to purchase a vapour bath, I have had constructed a metal tray for holding the water, with a raised portion in the centre, surrounded by water, on which the calomel is deposited. The tray fits into a watchman's "candle lamp." A spirit-lamp may be fitted into the socket made for the candle: and the



apparatus is complete. Hitherto, the expense of the apparatus has seriously interfered with the introduction of this powerful anti-syphilitic remedy among the poorer classes of society, who are, perhaps, more subject to the ravages of this destructive disease. The difficulty having been overcome, it is to be hoped that