

of a two per cent. solution at home, once or twice a day in addition, or it may be no injections are used by the patient at home. Some patients may only be able to come once or twice a week—they get the same treatment when they come to the office, and use a two per cent. solution two or three times a day at home. In chronic cases good results follow the use of this drug. Cases needing sounds get now, as a lubricant on the sound, a five per cent. ointment made with adeps lanae as a base, the argyrol being rubbed up with water just enough to render it smooth before incorporating it with the ointment. Too great stress can not be laid on the painlessness of the drug. A ten per cent. solution dropped in the eye hardly produces a sensation of warmth. To sum up, this drug has decided gonococccidal powers; it has a decided effect in reducing and allaying the inflammation of the disease; it can be used safely in almost any strength and at any stage of the disease; the injection can be repeated almost as frequently as the fancy of the physician dictates; the author has not seen any unpleasant symptoms due to the use of the drug and believes it to be one of the most valuable remedies given to the profession in recent years.—*The Journal of the American Medical Sciences.*

A NEW METHOD OF EXTRACTING FOREIGN BODIES FROM THE EAR.

There is no more delicate and even difficult task, so states the *Medical Press*, than the extraction of a foreign body from the external auditory canal. Irrigation often fails to bring it away, and in certain cases adds to the difficulty by causing the object, a pea for instance, to swell and become more firmly impacted. The employment of instruments is very painful, and requires considerable dexterity, besides supposing an armamentarium specially designed for the purpose, which few general practitioners possess. The recommendation is made of a piece of soft rubber tube, the length of a cigarette, and of the proper size, to be introduced into the ear. The end of the tube is dipped in paraffin and pushed into the canal until it comes in contact with the foreign body, whereupon the operator, applying his mouth to the free end, aspirates forcibly, at the same time throwing back his head. Except in cases of angular bodies of irregular contour this method is usually attended by success, the body coming away with the tube.—*Journal of the American Medical Association.*