

of the superficial veins of the arm, and a centigram is given at one dose every two days. A special syringe is used, there is very little pain and I saw no disagreeable after-effects. Abadie claims from this treatment much better and earlier results than when mercury is given by inunction or by any other method.

The Quinze-Vingts, probably so-called because it had 300 beds when first founded, is one of the oldest hospitals in Paris and has connected with it the largest indoor eye hospital in the world—the *Clinique Nationale d'Ophthalmologie* (Rue de Charenton, 28, daily clinics, 11 to 12, operations at 1 P.M.) with 190 beds and a very large dispensary practice. Prominent on its staff of surgeons is A. Trousseau, a member of that family illustrious in the annals of French medicine. He is a very genial man and received us with great kindness. I have never seen a more rapid operator in any department of surgery. The way in which cataracts were removed, squints straightened and lid operations performed was simply amazing.

The Gilet de Grandmont operation for congenital ptosis was done in two minutes, while cataracts were extracted in about twenty seconds! For the latter, which were without iridectomy, he used only a Graefe knife like the English operator Critchett. Separating the lids with his left thumb and forefinger, he quickly punctured the cornea, used the point of the advancing knife as a cystotome, made his counter-puncture, completed the incision, pressed upon the lower third of the cornea with the back of the knife, and before one could say "Jack Robinson," the opaque lens lay upon the cheek. I saw him do half a dozen such operations, with good immediate results, inside of fifteen minutes. A starch bandage was applied in all the cases. To this hospital are also attached Valude (operates every Thursday at 2 P.M.), Kalt, who sutures the corneal wound after cataract extraction to prevent hernia of the iris, and others. Regular instruction in ophthalmology, illustrated by cases from the vast supply of clinical material at hand, is given by members of the staff and is practically free to all comers. The assistants in this hospital have unusual opportunities for doing major operations upon the eye. They are chosen by competitive