

ordinarily intractable cases. This was a case of neglected gonorrhoea of two months' standing, complicated by the formation of two large urethral fistulae which perforated the inferior urethral wall. Under the systematic use of mercuriol, not only has the discharge almost entirely ceased, but the fistulae have healed completely, during the short period of treatment.

Mercuriol solutions may be used in varying strength—from one-quarter or one-half of one per cent. to two, three, or even five per cent. in certain cases. It is best to begin the treatment of any case with a weak solution, gradually increasing the proportion of mercuriol if improvement is not soon apparent.—*St. Louis Clinique.*

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### THIOL.

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THIOL (Potassium Guaiacol-sulphonate) was used by Dr. J. A. Goldmann, of Vienna, in twenty-four cases (nineteen children and five adults) of chronic bronchial catarrh complicated with recurrent febrile attacks, very severe cough-irritation, and at times very difficult expectoration. In all satisfactory results were obtained; the fever in at most five days being entirely banished, expectoration greatly facilitated, the cough-irritation lessened, the respiration rendered more free, and the entire course of the disease rendered less disturbing, so that at the end of four, or at the latest seven weeks, convalescence, without any complications whatever, was well under way. All the patients took the remedy eagerly, and without any objection; it was very well borne by them, and in not a single instance were any disagreeable by-effects, such as diarrhoea or vomiting, caused. The thiol was used in the form of a ten per cent. syrupy solution, which was given to adults in doses of one dessertspoonful after each meal, three times a day; children received a teaspoonful thrice daily, with milk or coffee diluted with water. In every case it was remarkable to observe how rapidly the appetite was increased, and the general appearance and condition improved, and weight increased—from 4 1-2 to 10 pounds being gained in a period of scarcely two months.

According to the author's report, equally decided and satisfactory results were obtained with thiol in eight cases of acute and chronic pulmonary catarrhs in various stages; and special attention is directed by the writer to the unmistakable antiseptic action of the preparation, evidenced by the rapid reduction of the fever. Already after the first few doses of the thiol solution a constant diminution was observed; and in cases where the fever had, with other remedies, always recurred, it completely disappeared after six days' treatment with thiol, and remained absent. In a very short time, besides, the general symptoms of the disease