

blood-poisoning, constitute many avenues to a fatal result which sometimes comes to the patient when it is not expected.

The treatment, being suitable, ought to be early and prompt, to prevent the disease becoming chronic. When this stage has been reached, it will require the exercise of much of your own patience, as well as that of the sufferer. In the acute stages, keep her at rest in bed, keep the skin acting, and also the bowels, by the use of saline laxatives or mineral waters, aided, if necessary, by cold water enemata. Indigestion must be removed, and a free portal circulation maintained. An important indication is to render the urine as bland and unirritating as possible. A diet of large quantities of skim-milk, diluted, in cases where the urine is very acid, with some natural alkaline water, as Vichy or Apollinaris; but the supercarbonated potash water made by Chas. Gurd & Co. of this city, and the aerated water of the Caledonia saline spring, as charged by the same firm, are equal to any, and, of course, much cheaper than imported waters. Linseed tea and the decoction of *triticum repens* in large quantities act as diluents to the urine, and perhaps as something more, especially in the case of the latter. A good prescription in the early stages is a combination of citrate or bicarbonate of potash with infusion of buchu. From Sydney Ringer's prescription of drop-doses hourly of tinct. of cantharides I have had no good results, and cannot therefore recommend it. Leeches to the anterior vaginal wall, and poultices of linseed meal and tincture of opium to the hypogastrium, are often of undoubted value. To relieve the severe pain and distressing tenesmus, you will be obliged to give sedatives and narcotics, but I must caution you to withhold the most powerful of these, the opiates, as long as possible. They undoubtedly relieve pain, but they also derange digestion and act injuriously in other ways. By mouth, the Dover's powder is the least injurious. The rectal suppository is probably the most efficacious form for the administration of morphia or other remedies. Other remedies are, however, to be first tried. Camphor is useful. The bromide of potassium sometimes acts best. It must be given in full doses—20 grains every four hours. Skene speaks well of hydrobromic