

treatment was attended with such direct and surprising success as to leave no doubt about the utility of iodol in tertiary syphilitic affections.

The general effect of iodol on the organism is very similar to that of the other iodine preparations. It accelerates metabolism, which produces on the one hand improvement of the general condition, and on the other increased secretion of urea. The latter is the more worthy of note because it is always accompanied by increased secretion of urine. The urine during the internal use of iodol always contains a high percentage of iodine. The color of recently voided urine is normal or sometimes even lighter, and becomes of a more or less dark brown after standing exposed to the air. Unchanged iodol was never found in the urine. It had no influence on body temperature, circulation or respiration, never caused nervous symptoms nor disturbance of the digestive system. Almost none of the phenomena of iodism were observed. In the large number of cases under my own observation, in only one was there slight acne of the face, and there was a doubt about its being caused by the iodol, because it was not accompanied by any of the other symptoms of iodism.

—*Berliner Klinische Wochenschrift.*

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THE Dean of the Medical College of the Western University, London (Dr. H. Arnott), is delivering a course of lectures in the Medical College of Los Angeles during the illness of Professor Utley. It is expected that Dr. Arnott will shortly return from California and resume practice in London.

NEWSPAPER PUFFS.—Several marked copies of newspapers have been sent to us lately from the county of Huron, from which we glean some interesting news regarding the skill of a young Huronite. These efforts to win fame through local newspaper puffs always fail in their purpose and invariably subject the offender to the contempt of his medical confreres. In a county possessing a live medical society like Huron, there should be little trouble in discountenancing such proceedings.

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### BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY AND THE SURGEON'S HANDS.

FOR general purposes there is probably no antiseptic so efficient as the bichloride of mercury, and it is unfortunate that there should be any drawbacks connected with its use. The most serious of such drawbacks is the danger to life from absorption under certain circumstances. Among the less serious is its effect on the hands of those who use it much. It sometimes produces a very severe and painful eczema. In the case of two of the resident assistants of the Toronto General Hospital, recently, the hands were so badly affected that they were in a most deplorable condition and were rendered useless for some time.

Many plans have been tried to prevent such ill effects. Among the best is that of Prof. Liebreich, as reported in the *Medical News*:—Wash the hands with soap and thoroughly dry them, then rub over them a small amount of lanolin, removing any surplus present with a dry towel. The addition of a little perfume may improve it, as for instance, one part of vanilla and two of oil of roses to five hundred parts of lanolin.

### THE LATE CROWN PRINCE RUDOLPH.

ACCORDING to the information received by the *British Medical Journal* from its Vienna correspondent, there appears to be no doubt that the Prince died by his own hand. The results of the post mortem examination by eminent pathologists prove this conclusively. It is well