

hours will be frequent enough. Dr. Chase, of St. Louis, recommends larger doses with longer intervals. I can only say I have observed the best effects from the smaller doses given more frequently. At the same time I keep up the application of cooling washes. It is well for the practitioner to remember, however, that cold is efficacious only in the earlier stages of inflammation; it is a positive injury in later developments. But my main dependence is mercurius. I do not mean that I never give anything else, but that this is of more general utility, and covers more forms of the disease than any other remedy that I know. I might relate many cases in my own practice, successfully treated in this manner, some of which had nearly reached the suppurative stage—I will relate but two.

A. B., aged 22, had a number of cavities bunglingly filled, and inflammation of the periosteum of several of the anterior teeth supervened. When I first saw the patient he was confined to his bed, not having had any sleep for two days from the intense pain and suffering, which was accompanied with much fever. The febrile symptoms readily yielded to tinct. aconitum, but the teeth were quite loose, intensely sensitive to the touch, with all the adjacent tissues highly inflamed. I gave mercurius every hour, with an anodyne wash. The patient soon slept, the pain having subsided, and passed an easy night. The next morning I increased the interval between the doses and continued them through the day. The case steadily progressed to a cure.

Case 2. I filled for C. D., aged 40, an inferior bicuspid, posterior approximal cavity. The excavator left but a thin stratum of dentine covering the pulp. I should perhaps, have introduced some non-conductor to preserve the pulp from thermal changes, but did not. Intense periostitis supervened, I prescribed mercurius as before, directing the gums to be bathed in ether fort. containing a few drops of tinct. myrrh. The pain readily yielded, the inflammation subsided, and the tooth became serviceable.

In my next article I shall speak of suppurative and ulcerative inflammation.

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### DENTAL ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN NEW YORK.

Second day, Wednesday, 4th of May, 1869.

In accordance with the announcement of yesterday, most of the