

A discussion on various matters in daily office practice then followed.

Dr. MAGEE spoke of some uses to which carbolic acid may be put. First he mentioned the canker sore. Winding a little wisp of cotton on some slender instrument, and dipping into the pure acid, he gradually works right down to the bottom of the sore, which is nothing more than an inflamed mucous gland, and cauterizes it. The carbolic acid does its work painlessly, and in cases where the cheeks are very fat and the gland is perhaps 3-16 inch in depth, it proves of inestimable value. Another use to which he puts it is the cure of cracked and fissured lips, though this is not his own idea he says. He winds a thin film of cotton wool round a very flat instrument (a thin, flat piece of wood would answer almost as well), and dipping this in the pure acid, draws it right through the crack or fissure which he actually tears open as far as he can. The acid burns out every unhealthy tissue which may have formed, and the result is very gratifying to the patient, for it heals beautifully. He applies the same treatment to fissures in the nostrils, and suggests a piece of gutta percha fastened to the ends of clamp forceps for dilating the nostrils.

Dr. MCAVENNEY uses nitrate of silver for canker sores, and "steresol" for cuts and fissures, a formula for which may be found in *Dental Cosmos* for April, 1895. This material, he says, is admirable for one who goes on a fishing cruise, for innumerable cuts and scratches are sure to be encountered. For the benefit of those who may not have a copy of the *Cosmos* at hand the formula is here reproduced :

R	Purified gum lac.....	270 grms.
	" benzoin.....	10 "
	Balsam of tolu.....	10 "
	Carbolic acid, crystallized	100 "
	Oil Chinese cinnamon	6 "
	Saccharin	6 "
	Alcohol, q.s. to make	1 litre.

M. BERLIOZ, of Grenoble, describes it as "especially applicable in the treatment of inflammatory conditions of the mucous membrane and gum tissues, ulcerations, aphthæ, mercurial stomatitis, gingivitis, difficult eruption of third molars, treatment of pyorrhea alveolaris, etc."

Dr. WHITNEY uses nitrate of silver for canker sores and sensitive dentine. He says that carbolic acid will do everything but the particular thing he wants it to do.