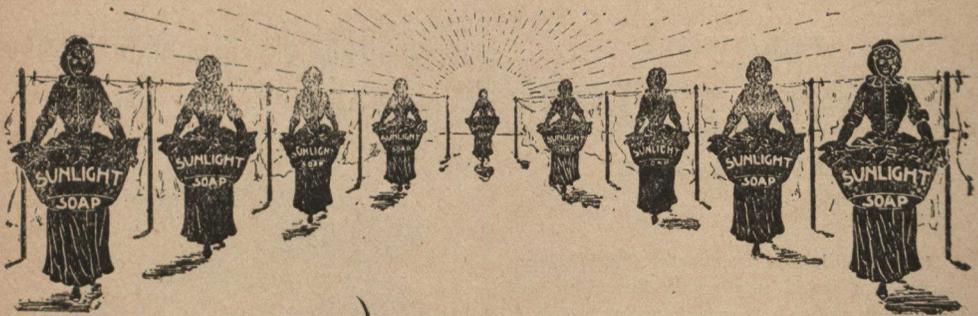


anæsthesia sometimes lasting forty-eight hours. Local inflammatory reaction was never observed after its application. Tuberculous tumors do not disappear, but their volume always diminishes. One case of lupus of the pharynx and larynx was completely cured by parachlorophenol. To test its action on normal tissues the larynx and epiglottis of dogs were painted with the pure drug. The only result was a marked local anæmia lasting forty-eight hours.—*Brit. Med. Jour.*

IODOFORM OINTMENT INJECTIONS IN SUPPURATING BUBO.—J. R. Hayden (*Amer. Jour. Med. Sci.*) treats suppurating buboes by a modification of Fontan's method. The following are the details: (1) The field

of operating is shaved and rendered surgically clean in the usual manner. (2) A few drops of a 4 per cent. solution of cocaine are injected beneath the skin where the puncture is to be made. (3) A straight sharp-pointed bistoury is then thrust well into the most prominent part of the swelling until pus flows. (4) All the pus is forced out through this opening by firm but gentle pressure. (5) The abscess cavity is irrigated with pure peroxide of hydrogen until it returns perfectly clear. (6) It is then irrigated with 1 in 5,000 bichloride of mercury solution, all of which is carefully squeezed out. (7) The now thoroughly cleansed cavity is completely filled, but not painfully distended, with 10 per cent. iodoform ointment, by means of an ordinary

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