

and the red cells are destroyed. The author's method consists in obtaining a deposit by the centrifugal machine. This deposit is then placed in a concentrated solution of corrosive sublimate and centrifugalized again. It is then washed and preserved in a solution of formol. The hardening in sublimate may be omitted if no red blood cells are present. If there is much albumen the deposit may be washed with advantage in normal saline solution. If the urine contains urates the deposit should be washed with warm water or a concentrated boracic solution. The washing of a deposit by means of a centrifugal machine has long been in use in the laboratory. No washing is necessary if sublimate is not used. The strength of the formol solution may vary from 2 to 10 per cent. The author says that urinary deposits thus preserved can hardly be distin-

guished from fresh deposits. Cover-glass preparations may be made, but it is well to wash off the formol. The cells maintain their shape, and the nuclei of the cells take the stain in the usual way. Casts, and especially red blood cells, are well preserved. Fat is readily distinguished. Micro-organisms are easily recognized even when unstained—*Brit. Med. Jour.*

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