

(c) In cases in which circumstances do not permit persistent and prolonged mercurial medication, as in travellers, prostitutes, etc.

(d) In cases of late syphilis of especially obstinate or recurrent type.

(e) In cases in which immediate and most energetic action is required to save an organ or to prevent irreparable tissue damage.

(f) In the rare cases in which mercury does not act, or in which it cannot be given.

12. Arsenobenzol does not seem to be indicated:

(a) In the ordinary run of cases of syphilis, on account of our ignorance of its permanent action on the disease, and of its dangers, and because we possess other harmless, perfectly efficient, and well-understood means of medication.

(b) In cases that have lesions of the internal organs, more especially of the kidneys or of the eyes.

(c) In cases suffering from the after-effects of syphilitic processes, when permanent organic changes have occurred.

In conclusion, the author states his belief that we have in arsenobenzol a permanent addition to our antiluetic armamentarium, and one that will enable us to cope more successfully than has heretofore been possible with certain phases of the infection; but that we have no more got a cure for syphilis, save in the sense and with the limitations that mercury is a cure, than we had before its introduction, and that the mercurial medication is required in every case no matter whether arsenobenzol has been used or not.

ACNE VULGARIS.

Burke (*Pac. Med. Jour.*) treats this disease locally as follows: The patient is ordered to vigorously scrub his face every night with green soap and hot water. The comedones are dissolved out by the soap; the scrubbing removes them mechanically, and tones up the skin. The face is then rinsed with cold water and dried; then this ointment is applied: Beta-naphthol, 5 per cent.; sulphuris praecip., 25 per cent.; saponis viridis and adipis lanae, of each 35 per cent. This is allowed to remain on the face from fifteen minutes to one hour and then wiped off. A prolonged contact is to be avoided.