

returned but with less violence. He further presented results in 24 instances of intervention in nephritis, complicated by grave symptoms. In 9 cases of nephritis with hematuria, there were 7 nephrectomies, with 2 deaths and 5 recoveries, 1 nephrectomy with recovery, 1 simple exploration with recovery. In 4 cases of subacute infectious nephritis there were 4 nephrotomies with recovery. Eight cases of acute infectious nephritis: 3 nephrectomies with recovery and 5 nephrotomies with 2 deaths and 3 recoveries. As to the therapeutic results, in the first set the hematuria disappeared at the same time the urinary secretion and elimination of urea were re-established. The pain abated in the nephralgias. The albumin disappeared in the cases of subacute nephritis, and the fever and other symptoms in the severe infectious cases also disappeared.

The older objections to operative interference were that the lesions were likely to be bilateral; also, the difficulty of determining the affected side when unilateral. In the cases cited the disease was unilateral and the new methods of diagnosis with cystoscope and catheterization, together with the array of cases, certainly answers these objections. Further, the mode of action of the nephrotomy is explained by the suppression of the intrarenal tension. The happy results which ablation of the affected kidney may have upon the amelioration of the condition of its congener in nephrectomy, is explained by the cessation of the veno-renal reflex, nephrectomy here playing a role analogous to the enucleation of one eye in sympathetic ophthalmia.—By DR. POUSSE.

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Usefulness of the Diazo-reaction.

James R. Arneil (*Amer. Jour. of the Med. Sciences*, March, 1900), following Warthen's report of 1893, upholds the usefulness of the Diazo-reaction, insisting on the original method of Ehrlich.

Solution A—

Sulphanilic ac.....	1
Hydrochloric ac.....	50
Distilled water	1000

Solution B—

Sodium nitrate	0.5
Distilled water ...	100

Forty parts of A are shaken up with one part of B. Equal