

*L'Union Méd.* on the same subject: He says that the operation should be done with just as much care as the removal of a cancer. He elevates the chancre with a tenaculum and cuts beneath it with a bistoury in preference to the scissors, and by palpation of the borders of the wound makes sure that the whole of the indurated area has been removed. For anæsthesia he employs cocaine.

He has had occasion to do the operation eighteen times in the last ten years. Three of these cases were lost sight of entirely, therefore he can only report the effects produced in fifteen cases. In four of these cases no constitutional effects were noticed, two of them marrying afterwards and are the fathers of healthy children. In six of the remaining eleven cases there was great benefit by the excision, to the extent that the disease was considerably attenuated, the secondary manifestations having been very slight. In the other five cases the incision had no effect upon the course of the disease.

**SALICYLATE OF SODIUM IN GONORRHOËAL ORCHITIS OR EPIDIDYMITIS.**—Pignoret, of Paris, says the *Phila. Med. Times*, thus concludes a paper on this subject:

1st. In gonorrhœal orchitis, salicylate of sodium will bring about a diminution of pain in a few hours, and in a longer time it will cause its disappearance.

2nd. It acts well above all in cases that have acute epididymitis.

3rd. When the inflammation of the cord is intense, the remedy will fail.

4th. In the large number of cases treated, the resolution of the swelling commenced very much quicker than in cases submitted to other treatment, and in a week or ten days the cure was complete, leaving nothing but a slight induration.

5th. This medication, then, has the advantage of allowing the patient to get about within a day or two at most. It is simple, harmless, and appears to be superior to all other forms of treatment in this complication.

**AN ANTISEPTIC MOUTH WASH.**—Professor W. D. Miller, of Berlin, read a paper entitled *The Human Mouth as a Focus of Infection*, before the Section in Bacteriology at the recent International Congress of Hygiene and Demography. Accord-

ing to an abstract of the paper published in the *Lancet* for August 15th (*N. Y. Med. Jour.*) the author thought that an examination of the results of attempts to sterilize the fluids of the mouth would soon convince one that there were very few substances at present in the dental materia medica that were available for disinfecting the human mouth. A mouth wash recommended by him years ago, which he still considers decidedly superior to the best of the many so-called antiseptic mouth washes on the market, consists of twelve parts of benzoic acid, sixty of tincture of eucalyptus, four hundred of absolute alcohol, and three of oil of peppermint. It is to be inferred that such a mixture would have to be diluted very largely, and that the alcohol employed will cease to be "absolute" at once.

**ABORTIVE TREATMENT OF HERPES.**—Leloire recommends a small piece of gauze soaked in one of the following solutions, to be applied:

R—Resorcin, . . . . . 100.

Alcohol (90 %), . . . . . 2.—M.

Or,

R—Menthol, . . . . . 1.

Alcohol (60 %), . . . . . 100.

If there is much pain, use can be made of:

R—Cocaine mur., . . . . . 1.

Ext. cannabis indicæ, . . . . . 10.

Essen. menth. pip., . . . . . 10.

Alcoholis (90 %), . . . . . 100.

**HYDRASTIS CANADENSIS IN NIGHT SWEATS.**—Dr. Cruse relates in the *Allg. Med. Zen. Wal. Zeitung* (*Med. Press*), an observation made on the above-named drug. On giving hydrastis canadensis in a case of hæmoptysis, he observed that the night sweats did not come on as usual. The patient was in the last stage of phthisis. In another case in which all the usual remedies had been tried for night sweats, atropine, agaricin, sulphonal, ergot, with success only on commencing each drug, slight hæmoptysis came on and led him to order hydrastis, when the sweats disappeared. These observations led him to try hydrastis for the night sweats themselves. He gave 30 minims of the liquid extract, and always with complete success, and what is more, the sweats kept off even when the hydrastis had been omitted for three weeks. He met with similar good results in a number of