

a 20-per cent guaiacol ointment made up with lanolin. Some of the ointment was then spread upon lint and applied to the part, the whole being enveloped in a layer of absorbent cotton, over which was applied a snugly fitting laced suspensory bandage. The dressing was reapplied every second day. At the end of about six days after the inflammation and pain had ceased, the guaiacol was substituted by an ointment composed of

R Unguentum hydrarg.....  
 Unguentum belladonnæ.....  
 Ichthyol.....  
 Lanolin.....â&3 ij.

It was found that this application produced a prompt lessening of the inflammation and a rapid return to the normal size.—*Medicine.*

## TREATMENT OF AORTIC ANEURISM.

Moritz Schmidt, in the *Medical Chronicle* for March, 1900, discusses the early diagnosis and treatment of aortic aneurism. During the past eleven years he has seen fifty-four cases. Of these thirty-eight had paralysis of the left recurrent laryngeal nerve. Tracheal tugging was present in nineteen of thirty-one cases. He regards this as one of the most decisive symptoms in the early stage of the disease. A less definite indication is a murmur. This may be due to tumors of the mediastinum and is frequently absent in aneurism. He prefers iodide of potassium and strict rest in the treatment of aneurism. In addition Tufnell's limited diet is employed, which includes a marked reduction in the amount of fluid allowed the patient. A lessening of the fluid to 1200 grammes is not difficult, but a further reduction is often followed by distress and must be gradually employed. In one of his cured cases the amount of fluid was reduced to 340 grammes; this was followed by a nervous condition which compelled the raising of the amount of fluid to between 500 and 600 grammes. His paper is illustrated with radiographs. He comes to the conclusion that the treatment of aortic aneurism should be undertaken early, and the condition should be regarded as a curable one, and a rigid system of dietetics and medicinal measures instituted. If these are undertaken with confidence, he thinks that the results in the treatment of this condition will be greatly improved.—*Medicine.*