

impressed me by the wonderful improvement they have shown.

No other medicament produces such successful results. I consider myself, therefore, in duty bound to communicate these results to my colleagues, and to invite them to experiment and use thiocol in their practice in treating pulmonary tuberculosis.

[Thiocol is a derivative of guaiacol, but, unlike most compounds of the latter, is soluble in water. Chemically, it is guaiacol-sulphonate of potassium, and appears as a white crystalline powder having somewhat the odor of guaiacol.—*Univ. Med. Magazine*.

VASOGEN—A NEW SOLVENT.

Vasogen is a vehicle which possesses the property of penetrating the pores of the skin more quickly than any other substance. It is an admirable solvent, holding in clear solution iodine, iodoform, creosote, guaiacol, etc., and remedies dissolved in it are quickly absorbed. Chemically, vasogen is an oxygenated hydrocarbon, *i. e.*, a partly oxidized hydrocarbon, and has the power of rendering drugs which are incorporated with it soluble in water or emulsifiable with it. Employed externally, it forms emulsions with the secretions of the body, and thus becomes rapidly absorbed. This fact has been proved beyond question by the presence of the drug in the urine after inunction with iodine, iodoform, creosote and mercury vasogen. Iodine, creosote, etc., when dissolved in vasogeny, do not irritate the skin or mucous membranes, and can be used extensively both internally and externally.

For external use, liquid vasogen preparations are poured into wounds or are applied to them on cotton or lint; they are also painted upon the intact skin or rubbed into it with the hand. Internally the vasogens are taken in gelatin capsules or mixed with milk, coffee, tea, wine or cognac. The following remedies in combination with vasogen are largely used: Iodoform, iodine, creosote, menthol, beta-naphthol, camphor-chloroform, ichthyol, guaiacol, sulphur and tar. These preparations are made by dissolving the various medicaments in the liquid vasogen during its process of manufacture. Mercury vasogen ointment (33⅓ per cent. and 50 per cent.) is a special preparation with inspissated vasogen. It may be obtained in handy capsules containing 3 and 4 grammes each, can be rubbed into the skin much quicker and more thoroughly than the official blue ointment, is far more pleasant to use, and costs no more.—*Pharmaceutical Era, The Post-Graduate*.