

which he made comparative experiments with iodoform and hydrarg. biniodide, the result with aristol far exceeded that with the other drugs. In all his cases the marked property of the drug in favoring cicatrization was most striking. Dr. Gaudin applied the drug either dissolved in ether or collodin, or as a dusting powder.

Dr. Hughes has found the drug of much service in all those forms of rhinitis associated with a dryness of the mucous surface, or in which there is a tendency for the secretion to undergo decomposition. He reports twenty-one cases in which he has tried the remedy, and in all the result was most satisfactory; in two cases of specific ozena the disappearance of the fœtor and the healing was very rapid.

Dr. Lowenstein has treated four cases of ozena with the drug, and reports most favorably on its effects of one case of specific ozena. In addition to insufflation of the drug in powder, he painted the ulcerated parts with a solution in collodion flexile. He speaks very favorably of the property the drug has of forming a covering over the diseased surface.

Prof. Neisser has made experiments on the action of aristol on bacteria, and also used it therapeutically in thirteen cases of lupus exulcerans, in which he found it of great service. In lichen rubra, soft chancre, and gonorrhea the results were not satisfactory.

Dr. Schirren has treated ten cases of psoriasis of various forms, vulgaris, guttata nummularis, with aristol, and reports all the cases as cured after, at longest, twelve days' treatment. He applied the drug as 10 per cent. ointment in lanolin or vaselin, or with zinc starch. In none of the cases was any ill by-effect observed.

Dr. Schuster records a case of syphilis of the naso-pharynx, in which he had a very good result, after the use of the aristol in powder. The case had been under treatment for some months without any benefit, potassium iodide being administered internally and mercury by inunction. Dr. Schuster reports also a case of psoriasis in which he used aristol with very rapid and good results. He applied a 10 per

cent. solution of the drug in collodion flexile.

Dr. Seifert has made an extended trial of the new drug in the syphilis clinic at Wurzburg, and reports very favorable on its use. He has used it in ulcers of the leg, lupus, psoriasis, moist condylomata, and suppurating gummata, and in all cases in which it was applied the good result was most marked. Dr. Seifert states that he did not find any iodine in the urine when aristol was administered internally.

Dr. v. Swiecicki has made a trial of the drug in gynaecological practice. He has used aristol in twenty cases, and in all the drug has had a beneficial action. The cases reported comprise endometritis, hyperplasia of the cervix parametritis, eczema vulvæ, and after operation for fissure of the cervix, applied as a dusting powder.—*The Medical Chronicle*, July 1890.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

STERCORAL INTOXICATION. — Verneuil (*Gaz. des Hôpitaux*, 1889, No. 133; *Centralblatt f. Chirurgie*, No. 13, 1890, p. 237). In the course of a lecture delivered to the students upon the occasion of his installation to the professorship of surgery at the Hotel-Dieu, V. pointed to the advantages which surgery had derived from modern bacteriology, and in the course of his remarks took occasion to refer to what he deemed his recently-discovered intoxicating influence of retained fecal accumulations. Observations made by Velpeau called attention to the fact that the fluid contained in the sac of an incarcerated or strangulated hernia produced an irritating effect upon the hands of the operator. Others have observed that the entrance of fluid from such a sac into the abdominal cavity gives rise to peritonitis without there having necessarily been an injury to the intestine. Clado discovered bacteria in such fluids, and inoculation of animals with the same produced rapid death with symptoms of violent intoxication. This is called by V. "stercoral intoxication," and he claims that the bacteria of Clado give rise to the disease.