

MIDDLE-EAR INFLAMMATION.—For chronic cases of middle ear inflammation with suppuration, Dr. J. C. Workman, in the *Columbus Medical Journal*, recommends cleanliness and disinfectants as the important measures of treatment. After inflation of the middle-ear cavity by Politzer's method, the discharge driven in the canal may be readily removed by the syringe or the cotton application. Then having thoroughly dried the canal, a very small quantity of boracic acid or other antiseptic powder should be insufflated. Weak solution of sulphate of zinc or nitrate of silver are often used. The frequency of cleansing should depend on the amount of discharge. Tonics, such as cod liver oil, iodide of iron, etc., are of benefit.

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ACETANILID, ITS ACTION AND USES.—Dr. William Martin, of Briston, Pa., states in the *Medical and Surgical Reporter*, March 14th, that the actions of this drug are of three, following: As an antipyretic it is of great value. In repeated small doses it reduces temperature in some cases, there is a gentle perspiration, followed by quiet sleep. The analgesia action of the drug is of the utmost value. During attacks of pain there seems to be marked tolerance for the drug. There is no danger of the person becoming addicted to it. The antiseptic action is of a pronounced type. It must be reduced to very fine powder and dusted on the wound. It displaces iodoform for two reasons: It is free from smell, and is more powerful as an antiseptic. It is also cheap. Under it granulation is rapid and union goes promptly.

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STATE RESTRICTION OF TUBERCULOSIS.—Dr. John L. Heffron, of Syracuse, in *Phila. Medical News*, for 15th February, contends that consumption should be regarded as an infectious disease. It is now fourteen years since Koch gave out his discovery of the bacillus tuberculosis. It has now been settled beyond dispute that a person may now become infected with tuberculosis by inhaling the bacilli, by using tubercular food, or through a wound. The dust in churches, school-houses, and houses where consumptives have lived is often found to contain many bacilli. Consumptives are allowed to travel where they please for their health, by train, boat, etc., without restriction or precaution. They put up at hotels, they stay with friends, and crowd health resorts, until the roadways are slippery with their expectoration. All this, the writer thinks is highly dangerous. All consumptive cases should be registered and properly instructed. When these instructions will not or cannot be followed, the State should forcibly isolate in the interests of others.