

how to pull down the lower lid and squeeze in a portion of ointment twice a day, which is rapidly diffused through the entire conjunctive sac. The method is cleanly, inexpensive, and economical. It does not hurt the child in the least and makes an appeal to the imagination of the mother far beyond that of lotions and drops. At any rate, I have reason to think that the treatments are better carried out at home and the results better on the average than any method I have tried.

Applications of blue stone I have long since discarded in this condition. In this form copper is not only an astringent but a cold caustic, and it was used with the idea of hastening the formation of the smooth, white scar, which is the ideal result in true trachoma. Its use in a condition which would get well in time without any treatment without the formation of scars, seems to me extremely illogical. I have the same feeling about the usual operations, to which a number of important objections can be raised.

The usual operation forced on these children is known as "expression" with some such instrument as the roller forceps. The lid is everted, one blade applied to the inner and one to the outer surface of the fold, and the conjunctiva milked under very firm pressure. The soft granules burst through the delicate conjunctiva, which sustains a multitude of small and occasionally some large lacerations. The reactions is considerable, requiring ice cloths for some hours, and there is a tendency for the raw surfaces to grow together, unless the surfaces are carefully and painfully separated for a number of days.

Such an operation is without any permanent benefit and with many potential dangers. If done on the theory that the disease is infectious, it is a failure. No possible operation short of a clean dissection of the conjunctiva of both lids and the eyeball could accomplish such a result. No one would think for a minute of treating any known infection, such as a gonorrheal ophthalmia, by any such means. Operations actually increases the danger of infection, granted it was there before, because it excites for a long time more or less secretion from the bruised conjunctiva. Every one of the minute slits in the conjunctiva