

patient feels the current, when the sitting may close, to be repeated as often as may be necessary. Insulation is not necessary in these cases. The anodal spark has been used as a rule, but as it seems to be the rapid vibrations that are beneficial, either pole may be applied, but the machine must be run with a rapid motion.

If a bunion be very much inflamed, the galvanic anode, with cocaine, may be used to advantage until ready for the static spark.—*Philadelphia Med. Times.*

INGROWING TOE-NAILS.

Probably no minor complaint is more distressing, and yet has so little attention at the hands of the general practitioner. The laity have learned that the stereotyped advice is to wear larger shoes and to have the nail removed. They wear larger shoes, but know of so many operative failures that they will not submit to the ordeal. In fact, plenty of able physicians could not remove a toe-nail properly if called on.

There are many things which can be done for this trouble without resorting to operation, and, indeed, some of them will cure almost every case, even if extensive ulceration has developed. Assure the patient of relief following the first treatment, and a permanent cure if the proper kind of shoe is worn afterward. Precede treatment by dropping a few drops of a four per cent. solution of cocaine on the ulcer; do not attempt to inject in the first few seances. If you get reasonable anesthesia, trim the edges of the nail enough to insert a small pledget of cotton moistened with the solution, and complete the treatment by rubbing all the antiseptic, well moistened soap under the nail where the pledget rested that you can get. At the next treatment, a few drops of pure water will complete the preliminary cleansing, when a drop of Monsel's solution is placed upon the ulcer after its sensibility has been obtunded by the cocaine. After a few such treatments, the nail can be scraped thin by a broken edge of window glass, and then elevated on cotton pledgets till it has grown out enough to allow the ulcer to heal. Another method of softening the nail is to drop a drop of caustic solution of potash upon it and spread gently with cotton in such a manner that the fluid will not enter the matrix. Simple cases are often successfully treated by keeping enveloped in any such