

Re-section of a rib he considers unnecessary. In extreme cases simple division of one is performed. Drainage is secured by a tube with a shield held in position by four tapes around the body and shoulders.

TO STAIN TUBERCLE-BACILLI.—Czaplewski (*Arb. aus dem path. Anat. Inst. zu Tubingen*, 1892, B. i, H. 3; *Monatsh. f. prakt. Derm.*, B. xvii, No. 4, p. 174) recommends the following procedure: The sputum is first spread in a thin layer upon a slide, dried in the air, and carefully passed through the flame of a Bunsen burner. Then carbol-fuchsin is added, and heated until the vapor of steam arises, when a solution constituted as follows is dropped upon the slide held obliquely, until the surface is cleared: hydrochloric acid and sodium chlorid, each $2\frac{1}{2}$ parts; distilled water, 100 parts; a solution is made, and alcohol, 500 parts, added. The slide is then washed with water, permitted to dry in the air, and finally a drop of some immersion-oil added that can be readily removed by xylol.—*Medical News*.

HEALTH APHORISMS.—1. The lives of most men are in their own hands, and, as a rule, the just verdict after death would be *felo de se*. 2. Light gives a bronzed or tan color to the skin; but where it uproots the lily it plants a rose. 3. Mould and decaying vegetables in a cellar weave shrouds for the upper chambers. 4. A change of air is less valuable than a change of scene. The air is changed every time the direction of the wind is changed. 5. Calisthenics may be very genteel, and romping very ungenteel; but one is the shadow, the other the substance of healthful exercise. 6. Blessed is he who invented sleep; but thrice blessed the man who will invent a cure for thinking. 7. Milk drawn from a woman who sits indoors and drinks whiskey and beer is certainly as unwholesome as is milk from a distillery-

fed cow. 8. Dirt, debauchery, disease, and death are successive links in the same chain.—*Ex*.

TREATMENT OF BURNS.—Dr. Faytt recommends the following treatment: During the first period, or until the epidermis or necrotic portions of tissue can be separated, diluted Goulard's solution or weak solutions of sublimate or salicylic acid are applied. As soon as the wound begins to granulate it is covered over its entire extent with a large piece, or several small pieces, of silk protective. These should not project beyond the wound margins, and if several pieces are used they should not overlap. Over the protective is applied an ordinary antiseptic dressing. The advantage of this procedure, in the author's opinion, is that the secretions escapes along the smooth silk to the edges of the wound, whence they are absorbed by the dressing, and that the latter does not adhere to the wound and can be left on for several days. The pains under this treatment are slight, if present at all, and the scars show but little tendency to contraction.—*Oest.-ungar. Centralbl. f. d. medic. Wissensch.*

TABLE GIVING THE RELATIVE FREQUENCY OF THE CONDITIONS PRODUCING HEART HYPERTROPHY.

	Cases	Per cent.
Arterio-sclerosis in	62	59
Nephritis	14	13.4
Valvular lesions	13	12.4
Adherent pericardium	8	7.6
Work	4	3.8
Tumors	2	1.9
Aneurism of heart wall	1	0.95
Hemicplethora	1	0.94

—Howard, in *Johns Hopkins Bulletin*.

ARSENIC IN PULMONARY PHTHISIS.—Dr. Karl Hochhalt holds that the most essential factor in the treatment of pulmonary phthisis is to control the fever. He condemns the administration of the modern antipyretics because they lessen the energy of the heart, and influence the fever only symptom-