

mentioned cases is still more pressing, if the primary sores be accompanied by bubo. 5. In certain cases of rapidly spreading ulceration," p. 29.

At the present day, the carelessness with which mercurial preparations are administered to a patient, sufficiently accounts for their occasional failure, the frequency of secondary symptoms, and the ill effects which sometimes arise during the course of their exhibition. Patients, while being salivated, are generally allowed to attend to their ordinary avocations during favorable and unfavorable weather, and to diet themselves as their fancy or inclination prompt. This is decidedly wrong. If mercurials be necessary to a cure, the patient ought to be kept within doors, or, if possible, in bed; he should be subjected to a preparatory treatment, and his diet, both previously to, and during the course of their exhibition, should be carefully regulated by the attending physician.

Our author believes in the occasional communicability of secondary syphilis. In this view he is supported by Bielt, Cazenave, Waller, Lagneau, and more recently Vidal de Cassis. In our number for May, Dr. S. C. Sewell has recorded a very remarkable case, confirmatory of this opinion. From what has been written on the subject, Mr. Parker makes the following deductions:—"1. That it is wrong for one person affected with a secondary venereal taint to sleep with a healthy individual, especially if the former be affected with a form of disease in which there is a breach of the surface. This remark applies to husband and wife, and diseased children and healthy nurses, or the reverse. 2. A diseased child should never be suckled by a healthy nurse, neither should a healthy child be placed with a diseased nurse," p. 48.

The purchaser of this excellent work on syphilitic diseases, will find numerous useful formulæ scattered throughout the text, and many cases detailed, illustrative of different forms of venereal, and the results of treatment.

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XV.—*The Principal Forms of the Skeleton and Teeth.* By Professor R. OWEN, F.R.S., &c., author of "Odontography," "Lectures on Comparative Anatomy," "Archetype of the Skeleton," &c. &c. Philadelphia: Blanchard & Lea. Montreal: B. Dawson. 1854, p.p. 329. Price 6s 3d.

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