

cotton wool. The applications varied in intensity, according to the case, from slight pressure on the larynx up to more or less prolonged rubbing.

(b) Results: Twenty-six cases of laryngeal tuberculosis were treated by parachlorophenol. Of the patients, seventeen were men and nine women, of ages ranging from twenty-two to fifty-six years. All except five belonged to a very poor class, living in bad surroundings. The tubercle bacillus was found in the sputum and in the secretion from the ulcerated larynx in all. The laryngeal trouble had been preceded by hæmoptysis in ten, and tuberculous pulmonary lesions, severe in sixteen cases, were present in every case. Of these twenty-six cases, ten, or about 38.4 per cent., were cured completely. In

the others relapses took place either during treatment, or later, when they usually coincided with an extension of the pulmonary lesions. Spengler does not claim that parachlorophenol is a specific, but that it cures the infiltrations and ulcerations, even when situated on the posterior surface of the posterior wall of the larynx. It is just these latter which yield with difficulty to the lactic acid or surgical treatment, and lactic acid has no action on tuberculous infiltrations. The phlegmonous inflammation sometimes occurring round the ulcers, and probably due to secondary infection, rapidly diminishes and disappears (sometimes after only two or three applications). Pain is relieved, and the drug certainly acts as a local anæsthetic far surpassing cocaine, the

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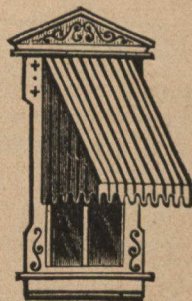
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