

were present marked pain and swelling, the temperature being 100. F. Treatment. Aspirin, 10 grains, was given every two and one-half hours at first and the mesotan mixture applied locally in amounts of a teaspoonful twice daily. There was, however, no apparent relief until the third day, when a diminution in swelling and considerable relief from pain were noted. The same treatment was continued and on the sixth day the patient was entirely well.

Case II. Miss L., aged 42 years, housekeeper, was seized with acute inflammatory rheumatism of the right knee, having had three previous attacks in the same joint during the last two years. Aspirin, 5 grains, was administered every three hours, and she was instructed to apply the mesotan mixture in one-half teaspoonful quantities two or three times a day. No improvement was observed at the end of the third day, but the treatment was continued as before. At the end of the sixth day, however, little progress had been made, except that she rested better at night. Mesotan was then discontinued on account of a slight local irritation, and the aspirin increased to 15 grains every three hours, with the result that after three days' treatment she was well on the road to rapid recovery.

In this case I did not see any benefit from the mesotan, and no special relief from pain was noted after its application.

Case III. Mr. H., clerk, complained of muscular pain, more severe in the back of the legs, and severe headache. Pain and soreness in the lumbar region was so great that any movement of the body caused great suffering. Aspirin, 10 grains, was administered every two hours until eight doses had been taken, and then every three hours during the following day. Mesotan was also applied to the lumbar region three times daily. At the end of the third day he was completely cured.

Case IV. Mrs. S., aged 33 years, was suffering with a severe attack of lumbago, being unable to get out of bed. Aspirin was prescribed in ten grain doses every three hours until nine doses had been taken, and then every four hours. Mesotan was applied twice a day. In addition to these a lithia tablet was taken in a glass of water, three times daily. Under this treatment the patient was out of bed doing her work on the fifth day.

These cases have been selected from a much larger number, and they show that under the plan of treatment outlined above the patients, as a rule, speedily recovered from their rheumatic ailments without suffering from any of the unpleasant and injurious by-effects of the salicylic acid treatment. My impression is that by using mesotan in combination with aspirin smaller doses of the latter are required and the relief of symptoms is accelerated.