

Retention of Urine in Paralysis.—Taddei (*Policlinico*, Rome) says strychnine by subcutaneous injection has a remarkable action in overcoming the paralysis of the bladder. He uses four to twelve injections, each 0.02 c.c. of a 1 per thousand solution, and commences this at the first sign of retention, suspending as the function returns, and renewing on appearance of symptoms. Taddei has used strychnine with marked success since 1904 at the insane hospital in his charge. He summarizes thirty-two cases of successful treatment.

Local Infective Processes.—S. A. Pfauneustill's (*Merck's Reports*) new method of treating local infective processes consists in the administration of sodium iodide (or potassium iodide) to the infected tissue through the circulation, and applying hydrogen peroxide externally. By the interaction of the iodine salt and H_2O_2 in the blood, iodine is set free, and to its bactericidal power the effectiveness of the method is due. It is only of value in ulcerative infective processes. It is indicated in tuberculous laryngitis (H_2O_2 inhalations externally), in lupus and in external tuberculosis, in lupus of the mucous membranes and in non-tuberculous local infections. He has also obtained good results in the treatment of old wound cavities after operations for empyema and osteomyelitis, and in old infected ulcers of the leg, as well as in fresh operation wounds of abscesses and cellulitis.

Chronic Bronchial Affections.—Singer (*Deut. Med. Wochen.*) writes of the "thirst cures" in chronic bronchial affections, such as bronchiectasis, bronchoblenorrhoea, putrid bronchitis, bronchial asthma, etc. Ordinarily in the treatment of these the aim is to secure an expectorant effect. This is brought about through inhalations, drink cures, climatic and hydriatic procedures, balsamics, posture cures, compression cures, etc., the opposite idea of a dry cure. This may be carried out as follows: For three days, fluids to extent of 200-400 cc.m. in form of water, milk and soup, or entirely as white wine. If extreme thirst develop, use the juice of oranges or lemons. On the fourth day as high as 2000 cc.m. may be drunk. If necessary, thirst may be treated by a few drops of anesthin or eucain solution. On dry days the sputum is much lessened, not only during those days, but permanently. Sweating cures, electric light baths and atropin will enhance this treatment.