

- (3) No defects of the corneal epithelium were observed after its use.
- (4) Acoin has no effect upon the accommodation.
- (5) It has no effect on the size of the pupil.
- (6) It does not increase the intra-ocular tension.

(7) The staphylococcus pyogenes albus did not grow in agar which contained acoin in the proportion of 1 to 100 or 1 to 300, and furthermore, the exposure of this organism for twenty-four hours to the action of acoin, resulted in its death. Acoin would thus seem not only to inhibit the growth of this germ but also to destroy it.

Anæsthesia lasted 15 minutes with a solution of 1 to 1000.

"	"	30	"	"	"	"	1	"	400.
"	"	60	"	"	"	"	1	"	200.
"	"	40 to 80	"	"	"	"	1	"	100.
"	"	over a day	"	"	"	"	1	"	40.

Protargal.

ENGELMANN. "Protargol." *Centralblatt f. Gynækologie*, November 9, 1899.

PRAUN. *Centralblatt f. Augenheilkunde*, June, 1899.

Engelmann uses a 20 per cent. solution of protargol in ophthalmia of the new-born with great success, and professes to obtain far more favourable results than with nitrate of silver. He much prefers it to the use of nitrate of silver in the Credé method, there being little or no reaction; and in the few cases in which secretion was increased it disappeared after a day or two.

Praun finds the action of protargol specially marked in all cases where there is much secretion, and exceeding nitrate of silver in the speed of its curative action. In cases with little or no secretion its action fails.

Praun uses a 10 per cent. solution in dacryocystitis and conjunctivitis syringing it into the sac or dropping it into the eye. If there is much swelling of the lids, a poultice of gauze pads dipped in protargol, may be applied.

Corneal Ulcers.

JOHNSON. "Nitric Acid as a Cautery in Corneal Ulcers." *Amer. Jour. of Ophthalmology*, July, 1899.

BOURGEOIS. "Treatment of Infectious Ulcers of Cornea." *Annales d'Oculistique*, July, 1899.

Johnson uses 9 to 15 per cent. solution of chemically pure nitric acid applied to the infiltrated ulcer by a fine grained, soft-wood stick, whittled to an appropriate shape. He holds that he hereby avoids the scar