

lysol, full strength; the temperature dropped to normal in two days, and the patient made an uninterrupted recovery.—E. P. MURDOCH, M.D., in *The American Therapist*.

Tuberculosis of the Prostate.—Marmedel concludes that one-third of all cases of tuberculosis of the prostate develop insidiously. In the remaining cases the first symptoms are those of vesical and prostate catarrh.

Later there is purulent flow, sometimes spermatorrhœa, bloody diarrhœa, and abscess formation. The disease rarely appears in the prostate alone, the bladder, seminal vesicles and testicles also being involved.

The treatment should consist of intravesical injections of iodoform, later of perineal incisions of abscesses and even of prostatotomy.—*Therapeutic Gazette*.

Drainage of Empyæma.—"As to drainage, though in some cases where the chest is very full of fluid, the intercostal spaces may be widened and bulging, yet often this is not so, and the ribs are so

close together that it is difficult to get a tube into the chest, and when inserted it is liable to be nipped by presence of the ribs. In such cases the ribs should be pushed apart with dressing forceps, and a rigid tube, such as a silver or vulcanite tracheotomy tube, employed."

Though the above is sanctioned by such experienced authorities as Ashby and Wright (page 225, "Diseases of Children," 2d Ed.), I cannot allow several of their statements to go unchallenged.

In a personal experience, which comprises at least a hundred cases of empyæma in children (including four, in which both sides were involved), I have not found the difficulty referred to above in inserting the tubes because of the close approximation of the ribs. It is true my cases were nearly all acute, that is, of not longer duration than six weeks to two months. I have repeatedly demonstrated the fact that a rubber tube of the diameter of three-eighths to one-half inch could readily be introduced in the eighth intercostal space posteriorly on a line with the angle of the scapula, in a child eleven months old.

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