

synovitis, together with the history and the effect of constitutional remedies, will make the diagnosis clear. The same symptoms will make the differential diagnosis between articular rheumatism and tubercular arthritis. X-ray photography furnishes an important means of diagnosis. By it we can distinguish the amount of bone destruction present.

Treatment is constitutional, mechanical and local. The constitutional treatment should be as painstaking as the treatment of tuberculous disease in other parts of the body, and along the same lines. The mechanical treatment may be summed up in one word—traction. By whatever means traction is employed it should be thorough and long continued. The local treatment of tubercular joints by means of iodoform injections is very valuable in the smaller joints, but not so valuable in the knee and hips.

The operative treatment should be thorough when it is done at all; and there are two points which should be insisted on in all operations on tuberculous joints: first the preservation of the bodily heat, and second, rapidity of operation. There are few operations in surgery in which the shock is more profound than in excision of the hip.—*The Memphis Medical Monthly*.

Jottings.

A CURE FOR WORTS.

We have found nothing more generally useful than the repeated application of the end of a bit of wood (*e. g.*, a match) moistened with acid nitrate of mercury, care being taken only to touch the top of the wart, and not to let the fluid run to the sound tissue. The wart gradually shrivels and finally falls off.—*New York Med. and Surg. Journal*.

AN ALLEGED CURE FOR DIABETES.

The London correspondent of the New York "Times" cables to his journal that Dr. A. C. Faulds, of Glasgow, has discovered a remedy for diabetes in an infusion of dried eucalyptus leaves. He uses this in preference to the oil of eucalyptus, and says that his experiments were prompted by learning that the remedy was used by the natives of New Zealand. Of forty-six diabetic patients treated with eucalyptus, Dr. Faulds claims to have cured fifteen, or thirty-three per cent.—*Medical Record*