

2. The urethra should in all cases be flushed with an antiseptic solution (formaldehyde, 1-3,000) before the passage of any instrument. Following its withdrawal an astringent should be used, preferably silver nitrate 1-10,000.

3. A sound should never be passed for at least three months following acute gonorrheal infection, and then only when the urine is as in No. 1.

4. When dilation of a stricture will answer, sounds are increased in size according to the tissue forming the pathologic growth and its location. True gonorrheal strictures of the deep urethra may be dilated five or six numbers at each sitting, up to 18 or 20 F; following this two or three numbers should be the rule.

5. In case of traumatic or gonorrheal stricture in the pendulous urethra, or when the sound is followed by marked irritation, etc., cutting gives the best result.

6. When the contraction seems not to dilate without too much force, weekly treatments being followed by considerable irritation, making the interval 10 to 14 days is generally followed by the most gratifying results.

7. Stricture can be permanently eradicated. This occurs when after dilating the circular muscles of the canal to their fullest extent, without rupturing, no blood stain is found in the washings after four to six dilations which have varied from one to four months apart.—*Am. Med.*

#### **INOPERABLE TREATMENT OF CANCER BY FORMALIN.**

The writer was led to try his method from his observation, twelve months ago, that formalin in 2-per-cent. solution had the property of coagulating egg albumin when whole eggs were immersed in it for a few weeks. He argued that, if he hardened the morbid tissue, he might convert the growth into a foreign body, and nature would proceed to dislodge it—an inference which proved correct.

In from three to seven days after application the cancer-mass begins to detach itself in the same way that necrossed tissue separates in gangrene. A line of demarkation is formed at the edge of the malignant mass, and separation takes place in a few days, the time varying with the size and nature of the disease.

Some twenty-four to forty-eight hours after the first application the objectionable, foul-smelling discharges cease, thus showing the powerful deodorizing quality of formalin