

who are born in apparently good health, but with a suspicious history, if the father alone is syphilitic, this treatment is not indicated. If the mother had syphilis a long time previous to her pregnancy, treatment is also not indicated. If the mother has had syphilis recently, and especially if there were evidences of it during her pregnancy, energetic treatment of the infant should be begun as soon as possible after birth.

PYLORECTOMY FOR CANCER.—Dr. A. H. Ferguson, of Chicago, in *Internat. Journ. Surg.*, claims that this operation should be performed for cancer of the pylorus. The operation should be performed early in the disease, and every effort made to avoid undue shock to the patient. When performed early, before adhesions are formed, there is the chance of a possible cure. By means of the Murphy button the time needed for the operation can be greatly shortened and the risk of shock lessened. Lose no time in introducing interlocking sutures, but apply forceps after forceps. Then cut the mass away. When this is done the application of the ligatures can be executed more expeditiously.

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THE TREATMENT OF SYPHILIS OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.—Dr. B. Sachs, of New York, in *Langsdale's Lancet*, March, 1896, claims that the remedies are still the iodides and mercury. In the early and inflammatory stages of the affection, in ocular palsies, in the early days of syphilitic hemiplegia, in cerebral gummata, and gummatous infiltration in the cord, the mercury should be employed. Where there is an inflammation to be checked, or an exuded mass to be absorbed, use mercury; after this has been done use the iodides, and continue as long as the symptoms indicate. Never use the mixed treatment—the iodides and mercurials should not be given at the same time. The former prevents the free use of the latter. The effect of the mercury upon the gums proves nothing as to the constitutional action of the drug. Salivation usually depends upon the condition of the gastro-intestinal tract. In treating syphilis of the nervous system, practise inunctions only. A full drachm of unguentum hydrargyri must be rubbed in daily by an experienced hand for twenty or thirty days. Each rubbing should take at least forty minutes. Given by the mouth you may get salivation very easily, and there is not enough of the remedy absorbed into the system to act upon the disease. After, say, thirty inunctions the treatment may be postponed for a short time, and resumed if necessary.