

The conditions produced by the different species are varied according to the germ, but those which are especially concerned in the formation of gases and odors are of particular interest to the dentist. But all forms are liable to produce both gases and odors under the conditions present in most dental lesions, such as putrefaction of the pulp, alveolar abscess, pyorrhœ alveolaris. It is not important here to enumerate the particular action of special species or forms.

We must classify all agents or drugs which may be used to overcome the influence or results of the action of micro-organisms under the general head of antizymotics, that is, agents which will, prevent fermentation, for we are not justified in separating fermentation from putrefaction, for fermentation is an essential feature of putrefaction even in animal structures.

In the clinical application of antizymotics for the correction of disease, we find that all drugs and methods to be efficient must be applied in such concentration or power to effect the desired results, that continued application would result in the destruction of large amounts of valuable tissue that is not all or only slightly affected by the encroachment of zymotic influences. And we have learned also that tissue which is not inoculated, or only slightly affected, can be kept in an aseptic condition by attenuated solutions of strong germicides or by milder agents, which we will designate antiseptics. We will, therefore, make a sub-classification of antizymotics into disinfectants and antiseptics. The disinfectant is the means whereby we aim to remove all infectious matter and agencies from the tissue; the antiseptic is the means used to preserve the cleanliness obtained by the use of the disinfectant.—*Dr. N. S. Hoff, in Dental Register.*

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