

in the mouth so short a time, and particularly in stomatitic mouths that have an unusual salivary flow, all traces of the antiseptic agent is soon washed away. I have my lotion doubly charged with these floating powders that will lodge about the mouth for some time and give the continuous effect. Glycerine also assists it to remain in the mouth, and proves a very happy medium in assisting the boric salts. The official form of boro glyceride is used by some. I prefer the above as positively giving better results by its adaptability and longer therapeutical effect. So far this is very good treatment to control and prevent the increase of the disease, but the dentist who depends on the antiseptic and astringent mouth lotion alone, and wishes to give rapid relief to his patient, will get slow results, and for the rapid cure of these lesions a more positive treatment is indicated. It is a fact that in all the pathological conditions of the mouth, be the lesions eruptive or caused by organisms, the best results for the cure and relief is the positive treatment direct to the lesion by some powerful escharotic or astringent antiseptic. For instance, in the eruptive ulcers of aphthæ, the ulcer should be washed off, or out if deep, with the three per cent. hydrogen dioxid, and the surface carefully touched over with either nitrate of silver or a tri. chlo. acetic acid crystal, or a twenty per cent. solution of sulphuric acid also gives excellent results. If done properly and the mouth kept clean antiseptically, the lesions immediately heal and lose the extreme painful state that they so often have. With the parasitical thrush lesions, this class, the treatment should vary according to the conditions. If it is only one or two places affected, wash the lesion off with strong bichloride of mercury solution, about 1 in 100, using a pledgit of lint wet in the solution, then touch the surface over with the tri. chlo. acetic acid or nitrate of silver. But if the parasitical lesion has spread over a large surface, use the bichloride about 1 in 200 and wipe the surface over carefully. If any pus shows itself evident, by all means use the hydrogen dioxid in the same manner, and then apply a twelve per cent. solution of tri. chlo. acetic acid.

The pain of these applications soon passes away, and your patient is soon very comfortable and the cure rapid. It is always well to give the patient a good antiseptic mouth lotion of a quality that will last in the mouth, not too generally stimulating to the mucous membrane, as a very stimulating lotion, alcohol, and even some of the most generally used mouth lotions when used strong will bring on a state of very sore mouth and lips of aphthæ and Herpes vesicles. The lotion given should be used constantly during the course of the disease, not three or four times a day, but frequently to keep the influence of the antiseptic and germicide action constant.