

“sloughing where iridectomy has already been employed un-  
“successfully.”

The three last principles I am prepared to endorse on the strength of my own experience, but I would only accept the first two with a certain reservation.

The two following cases will illustrate the advantage to be derived from incision through the cornea according to the method advocated by Sæmisch, though they were neither of them typical examples of the creeping ulcer, or “*Ulcus serpens*.”

I might give a long list of equally successful cases, but to do so would be, I think, superfluous.

H. B., æt. 33, brass-finisher, a pale, sallow man, was admitted into the Montreal General Hospital, October 6th, 1876. He has been affected for many years with a chronic blepharitis, which has resulted in pretty complete loss of the eyelashes, eversion of the edges of the lids and the puncta lachrymalia, overflow of tears, and a chronic catarrhal inflammation of the conjunctiva. About ten days before admission the right eye became inflamed and has been growing worse ever since, he is suffering great pain in and about the eye, with intolerance of light, and there is a good deal of muco-purulent discharge from the conjunctiva. In the lower and inner quadrant of the cornea is a large, oval, purulent infiltration, with some loss of substance at its centre, and a good deal of purulent material in the anterior chamber. Atropine, frequent cleansing of the eye with warm water, and occasional instillations of dilute chlorine water constituted the local treatment.

*Oct. 8th.*—The affection of the cornea having increased in size I decided to cut through it in the manner recommended by Sæmisch. The incision was made through the centre of the infiltration, from the margin of the cornea obliquely upwards and outwards, the counter-puncture occurring at a point just above and to the outer side of the pupil. The aqueous humour and hypopyon escaped from the anterior chamber, and formed the usual yellowish coagulum in the conjunctival sac. The after treatment was conducted in the manner already indicated, with