

MEDICAL PREPARATIONS

ANTIPHLOGISTINE IN SYPHILIS.

A very valuable and interesting work has just been published by The Macmillan Company, New York. It is entitled "The Treatment of Syphilis," and is from the pen of H. Sheridan Baketel, A.M., M.D. The volume covers very thoroughly and convincingly the field of intravenous and intramuscular medication, and the administration of arsphenamine or neoarsphenamine. It gives in minutiae, step by step, the proper methods for the actual introduction of arsenical products into the system.

Speaking of the after treatment in cases where intramuscular injections have been given, the author says:

"In England and on the Continent it is the habit, after giving an intramuscular injection, to cover the surrounding parts with sterilized absorbent cotton fixed with elastic collodion. The patients were instructed to rest in bed for twenty-four hours and, according to various reports, the majority of them complained only of stiffness in the hip and thigh and occasionally of pain in the lower extremity.

"Some physicians also utilize a clay dressing, like antiphlogistine, in place of cotton. It is their custom to cover the entire gluteal surface with a thick layer of properly heated antiphlogistine and to cover this with gauze, and over that absorbent cotton. This application seems to work well following the intramuscular injection and, not only aids in the prevention of pain and to a considerable extent prevents any abscess formation, but enables the patient to attend to his ordinary affairs."

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There are good reasons why some men obtain most benefit from tobacco by using it in the form of chewing tobacco. The very set of chewing is conducive to meditation, to turning things over in one's mind, and in whatever form tobacco is used it has a soothing influence. When chewed it is also a means of overcoming a dryness in the mouth which is one of the first signs of fatigue. Chewing tobacco prevents that tired feeling.