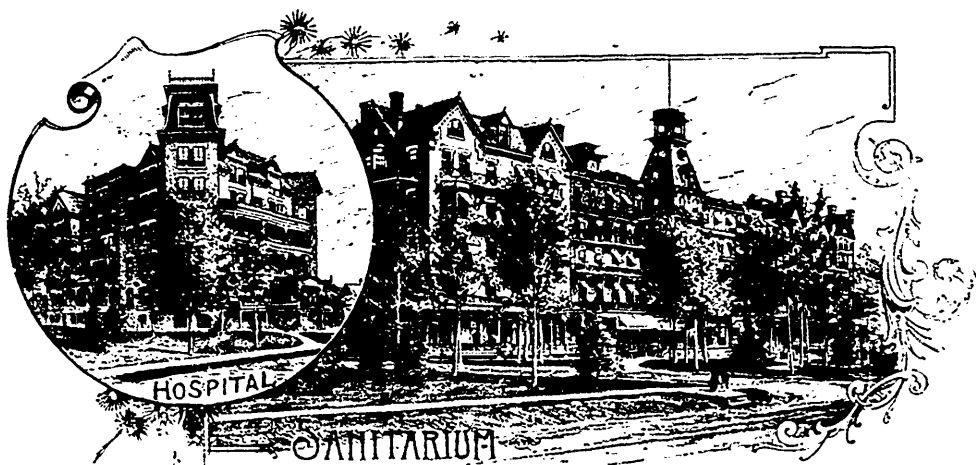


among gouty persons who are attacked with successive crops of boils, but who have neither diabetes nor albuminuria, the extract of colchicum in quantities of from half a grain to two-thirds of a grain a day gives favorable and sometimes surprising results, as the following case will show: The patient, a man forty years old, was gouty and for several months had suffered from boils, against which all treatment, whether external or internal, had failed. M. Brocq administered in this case from a third of a grain to half a grain of the extract of colchicum daily, and the effect was surprising. From the fifth day the growth of the furuncles was arrested and no new ones appeared. Fifteen days later the use of the extract was stopped and the furuncles returned. The colchicum was again given to the patient, and the affection was rapidly checked. These experiments were repeated at different times until the patient, perfectly satisfied of the power of colchicum, made up his mind to continue its use for a sufficient length of time, and then gradually give it up. He is now completely cured. As a local treatment M.

Brocq advises daily applications of a strong tincture of camphor: the furuncles, also, should be covered with pieces of Vidal's red plaster. —*Ex.*

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