

patients relief, and then they proceeded to see how they could prevent a recurrence of the disease. Adrenalin was of great aid to them—enabling them, as it did, to make bloodless operations and clear out the nasal cavities, after which an oily solution was applied, and the patients were in a condition to enjoy a comfortable night's rest.

Dr. Mayer—Is it better in all cases than the suprarenal gland?

Dr. McGahan—Yes, because it is simply the extract of the gland, minus impurities.

AIROL AS AN EXTERNAL ANTISEPTIC.*

For many years iodoform has been one of our most precious remedies in the treatment of wounds, ulcers, burns, etc. Were it not for its great drawbacks—its abominable odor, tendency to cause itching and eczema, and danger of intoxication—the search for a substitute would be superfluous. As it is, the number of iodoform substitutes is very large, but the ideal preparation Dr. J. Braun found in airoi. Chemically, airoi is bismuth-iodo-subgallate; its action is due to the liberation of iodine, which being *in statu nascendi* exerts a powerful bactericidal effect, and to the residual bismuth subgallate which exerts its well-known siccative and healing properties. It is greenish-grey powder, odorless, and insoluble in water. It is employed either pure or mixed with boric acid and starch, or in the form of a salve, or suspended in a mixture of glycerine and water. The author has used airoi for a number of years in the following affections and with most gratifying results:

1. In ulcers of the leg. As is well known, these ulcers sometimes assume such large proportions and look so nasty that it is a surprise how the patients could go on for such a long time without applying for treatment. As a rule iodoform is very unsuitable in such cases, as it quickly causes a troublesome eczema. Airoi, on the other hand, has given the author the most excellent results. Without any irritation, it dries the ulcerating surface, converting it into an area of healthy granulations. Under two weeks' treatment with airoi in powder or ointment form—provided the patient stay in bed—such ulcers assume a perfectly healthy appearance, and in another two weeks' time they cicatrize completely.

2. Similarly excellent results have been obtained by the author in abscesses of the lymphatic glands of the neck and of the axilla, and in burns of the second degree. In the latter he uses for the first few days a powder consisting of one part of airoi and nine parts of starch; after that an ointment of the following composition is

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