

and projecting slightly beyond the outer and bearing a thread at its proximal end, so that it can be attached to any ordinary hypodermic syringe. The inner cannula, being attached to the syringe, is first filled with liquid phenol, and two or three drops injected. Such a small quantity of phenol could not affect the whole of the surface of even a moderate-sized sac, but the sac of a hydrocele is never completely emptied by tapping, and the remaining fluid is quite sufficient, with the added phenol, to excite the necessary adhesive inflammation over the lining membrane of the tunic. The use of pure phenol in this disease is not new, but in the past it fell into disrepute from the untoward results that followed from its use in excessive quantities. But to the authors we are indebted for demonstrating its utility and safety in small doses.—*Med. Press and Circular.*

GUNSHOT WOUNDS.

In gunshot wounds, when a round ball, or a conical one with small velocity, penetrates a fascia, the fibres of the latter may be so disturbed and crowded aside as to interfere much with probing and with drainage. Thus a probe may impinge upon a fascia so that no further advance can be made, and errors as to the actual presence or the direction of the bullet may easily occur.—*International Journal of Surgery.*

Jottings.

A hot bath at bed time will relieve many cases of insomnia.

Remember that kerosene oil and vinegar are good household remedies for the removal of pediculi and their eggs.

Iodoform odour may be removed from the hands by thorough washing in vinegar after the use of soap and water.

A single drop of the wine of ipecac repeated every fifteen or twenty minutes, will often produce the most marked relief both from vomiting and diarrhoea.

Five to ten drops of the tincture of gelsemium every four hours will almost invariably relieve that painful condition or backache commonly called lumbago.

Freckled people will rejoice to know that freckles may be removed by the use of corrosive sublimate; two to five grains to the ounce of lotion or ointment.