

been added beechwood creasote, which has been of material assistance in its treatment ; also an outdoor life has been found beneficial, and is of late recommended highly by many of the best authorities. Much has been done in the prevention of the disease by the recognition of the fact that it is often spread through contagion, and we now take great care to disinfect and destroy the bacillus as found in the sputa of those affected. Also the milk and flesh of diseased cattle having been found to contain these germs, means are taken to avoid their use as food, or, by thorough boiling or cooking, to destroy the bacilli.

Mr. Haffkine has, during the last few years, demonstrated the possibility of preventing to a large extent the spread of cholera and the plague by successive inoculations of the virus of these diseases ; so that in the future we may expect to see but little of the terror and panic which have heretofore marked their appearance in a community. His success has been such as to convince even the natives of India of the efficacy of the treatment ; and while at first it was with great difficulty they could be got to submit themselves to the inoculations, they now flock in hundreds to have this done and are even willing to pay a fee for it.

Less than twenty years ago the great Pasteur conceived the idea of preventing the appearance of the symptoms of that exceedingly painful and fatal malady, hydrophobia. The period of incubation being one of many weeks, he found that by early and successive introductions of the virus of the disease as obtained from the spinal cord of affected rabbits he could at length use, with safety to the individual, a virus of great potency, and thus immunize the patient to the disease.

Tetanus and septic diseases, such as puerperal fever, ulcerative endocarditis, etc., are also now being treated by injections of antitoxic serums with some apparent success, and it is hoped that more certain results may be obtained in the near future.

In no department of medicine has greater activity been displayed than in the manufacture and use of new remedies. While many of them are of doubtful utility a goodly number have been added to our armamentarium which have proved of inestimable service.

About twenty-five years ago chloral hydrate was introduced as a calmative and hypnotic, and has held its ground fairly well in spite of the later soporifics which have appeared on the scene, such as paraldehyde, sulphonal, trional, etc.