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TREATMENT OF VASCULAR BIRTH-SPOTS (ANGIOMATA) BY RADIUM.*

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(Work done in the Biological Laboratory for the study of Radium together with fourteen photographs painted in water-color.)

The studies which we undertook several years ago on the subject of radium have permitted us to regard this radio-active body as endowed with very important therapeutic properties. At the contact of the invisible rays which it gives forth the tissues change; certain budding productions seem really to burst; certain ulcerations become healed; and certain chronic inflammations give way and disappear. So we have been able to establish in preceding communications to the French Society of Dermatology¹, and to the Congress at Rheims², and to that at New York³, favorable conclusions on the use of radium in the treatment of cutaneous epithelioma and of certain obstinate forms of eczema and prurigo, neurodermites and psoriasis. But, nevertheless, since it is recognized that the action of radium on the capillary veins obliterates them, it seemed plainly indicated that this action might be used for the

* Communication to the Academy of Medicine at Paris—Session of October 8th, 1907.

1. Vide the Bulletins of the French Society of Dermatology, March and July, November and December, 1906 and 1907.

2. Vide the Bulletins of the French Society of Dermatology, August 6th, 1907.

3. Vide the Bulletins of the French Society of Dermatology, September 7th, 1907. International Congress on Dermatology.