

could pay the fees, which were high. Sons of masters had certain privileges. They paid only half fees and could remain with their fathers. Barber-surgeons practising in Rouen, in the suburbs, or within certain areas had an easier examination, which lasted only three days. Once admitted they were assigned a definite post with limited rights, somewhat similar to those of the later *officier de santé*. The community also admitted midwives and examined dentists and cutters for rupture. It managed its own affairs under the supervision of the Bailli and the *parlement*, which was the chief local authority of the province. All questions affecting the community were dealt with in meetings, which were held at least once a week. For a long time the surgeons remained united to the barbers. Then there came a period of drifting apart, till the severance was completed by the promulgation of the decree of Versailles in 1756.—*British Med. Jour.*

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## MEDICAL PREPARATIONS, ETC.

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### SAFE ANTISEPTICS IN GONORRHEA.

Tincture of iodine irrigations in solution of from one to four drachms to a quart of hot water is said to be one of the safest and best antiseptics that can be used in gonorrhea. The strength of the solution and number of irrigations a day depends upon the stage of the disease. To keep the urine bland and non-irritating sanmetto should be administered in teaspoonful doses three or four times daily throughout the treatment. In cases of extreme acidity of the urine one of the potassium salts will be found helpful.

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### A FAMILIAR FORM OF CYSTITIS.

There is a form of cystitis quite familiar to the general practitioner. It occurs in females, old and young, with apparently normal pelvic organs, generally after a chilling. There is an abrupt onset with frequent micturition, tenesmus, and perhaps dysuria. The acid urine contains the infecting organism, usually a colon bacillus, pus, and often blood. Rest in bed, local warmth, light diet, free catharsis and sanmetto are the measures employed, and in a few days the severity of the attack subsides, and generally in two or three weeks the patients are as well as ever.