

This constitutes the treatment of acquired lues for the first eighteen months of its existence. Another cycle will be given in connection with the management of the succeeding terminal eighteen months, wherein iodine or its preparations are the predominant therapeutic agents.

The cycle method of treatment may be adequately illustrated by the accompanying diagram :—

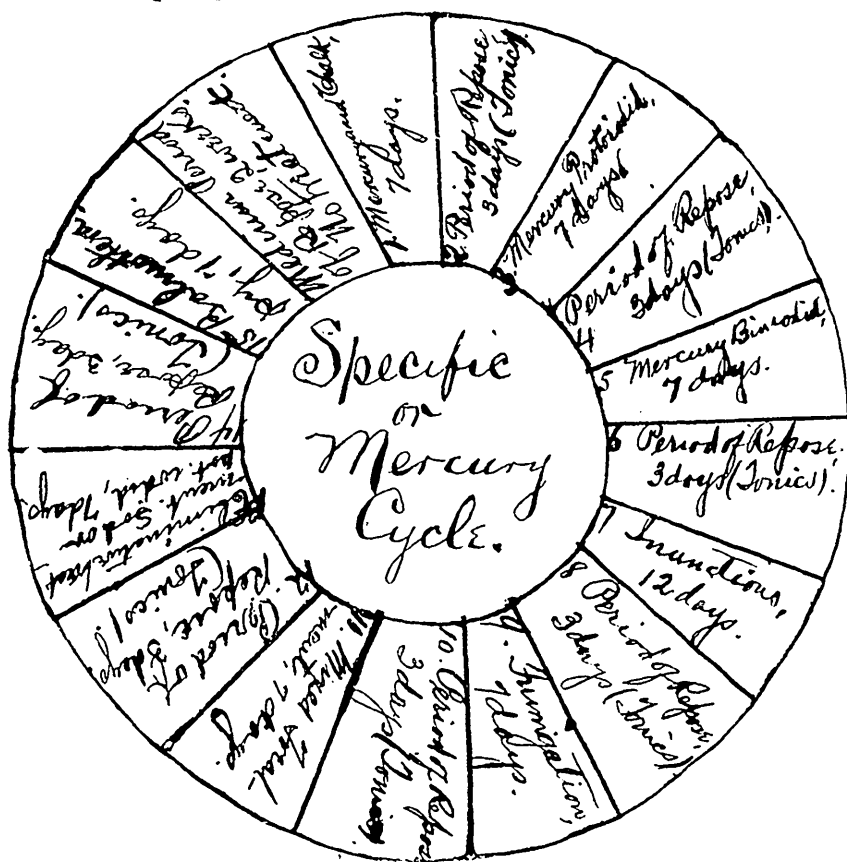


Fig. 1.

Thus it will be seen from the foregoing illustration, that a cycle comprises a little over three months, and that within the first eighteen months six cycles are contained; these cycles are termed *primary, specific or mercury cycles*, in contradistinction to the succeeding six cycles for the terminal eighteen months, which are denominated *eliminative, intermittent or iodine cycles*, by virtue of the preponderance of iodine at this particular period of treatment. The following section will be devoted to an elucidation of the second or iodine cycle.