

The dose of the potassium salt recommended is very small, being from 0.0001 to 0.0004 of a gramme; 0.0002 being a medium dose, or about the 1-300th of a grain.

The cantharidate salt is directed to be made as follows: 0.2 g. of cantharidine and 0.4 g. of potassium hydrate are placed in a vessel of the capacity of 1,000 c.cm. and containing 20 c.cm. of water. The vessel is heated in a water bath until the solution becomes clear, and then cold water is added to make 1,000 c.cm.

As cantharidin is not a chemically pure body, it is not possible to exactly estimate its dose. A sodium cantharidate solution may be made in the same way as the potassium solution; 0.3 g. of the sodium hydrate are, however, sufficient to make a clear solution, with 0.2 g. of cantharidin.

The recent unhappy experiences of surgeons and physicians in connection with tuberculin will make them very cautious in accepting any premature statements regarding the cantharidates or any of the other agents recently recommended for tuberculosis. If there is any virtue in the cantharidates, it will not be long before it is known.

THE MEDICAL FACULTY OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York will, in future, be known as the Medical Department of Columbia College. This will enable this flourishing medical school, it is said, to make a four years' course compulsory on all its graduates. Columbia College agrees to spend during the first year the sum of \$120,000 on the medical school.

A very important part of the agreement between these two bodies is the retention of the power by the medical school to appoint all her own teachers forever. This will ensure a succession of the ablest staff obtainable, a result not likely to be attained when the appointments rest in the hands of the general University Board. The union will have an important influence on the promotion of higher medical education in the United States, and for this reason is to be hailed with gladness by the entire profession on the continent of America.