

quiescent, but did not disappear until June. As is often the case, it had several small colonies in its neighborhood.

In the treatment of these structures, I have usually found that the oleate of mercury persistently applied with friction causes rapid disappearance.

In Hutchinson's lectures on Lupus, which appeared in the *British Medical Journal* during the early part of this year, the anatomical tubercle is classed as "lupus necrogenicus," and a very good case is made out in favor of placing it among the lupoid affections. He mentions an interesting instance in which a post-mortem wart has persisted for nearly forty years. Although harmless in the majority of instances, there are cases on record, some of which are quoted by Ruhl and Paltauf in their exhaustive article in vol. xiii of *Vierteljahreschrift für Dermatologie und Syphilis*, in which systemic inoculation has resulted from the local sore.

Verneuil suggests, in this connection, that the phthisis with which Lænnec suffered might possibly be associated with the wound which he received many years before at a post-mortem on a phthisical subject. No doubt the reason why systemic infection is not more frequently observed is owing to the unfavorable soil which the skin offers for tubercular processes.

FOUR CASES OF PERITONITIS OCCURRING DURING GESTATION.

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On the morning of April 21st, 1881, I was called suddenly to see Mrs. R., aged 32, a slight and delicate-looking woman, but with a good family history. She was in the sixth month of her third pregnancy, and had been seized suddenly with extreme abdominal pains. The following history was given: She had always enjoyed fair health, but suffered from a tendency to constipation, which at times was difficult to overcome. For this she had consulted me some weeks previously, and was ordered an ordinary pill of aloes and iron. On the evening preceding the