

day, to begin with ; when you have given an overdose, you will find pain over the eyebrows, sneezing, papular eruption on the skin, a taste of iodine in the mouth. These results are, however, very uncertain, and one grain sometimes will be found to affect a particular patient as much as ten grains will affect another individual.

I think you cannot be too particular in your mode of giving iodide of potassium ; it is a very important point, for instance to give it while fasting, as it is decomposed by the hydrochloric acid of the gastric juice in digestion, setting free pure iodine ; now remember it is not iodine cures, nor has iodine, perhaps, any effect as iodine ; it is the salt iodide of potassium (as phosphate of lime enters into bones not phosphorus), nay, I would always give iodide of potassium with free soda to counteract this acidity of the stomach ; if thus carefully given, these pains of syphilitic rheumatism soon begin to give way ; you may stop it for a while, and at intervals renew it ; if ulceration should have set in, more particularly with necrosis, sarsaparilla is a good medicine. Cod-liver oil, also, you will find a most valuable remedy, more especially if there be—as there often is—a tendency to phthisis : we have seen two cases of this nature lately, the poor woman A. H., and the Italian Professor of Languages. You are familiar with these cases, and will recollect the value of the medicines as now indicated.

We next come to speak of gonorrhœal rheumatism, a very troublesome affection also, as I found at one time in the Dreadnaught Hospital-ship, near Greenwich. There are two or three of these, so to call them, “secondary symptoms, appertaining to gonorrhœa ; gonorrhœa swelled testicle, gonorrhœal ophthalmia, and, occasionally, this gonorrhœal rheumatism ; this disease is very peculiar ; we will find, perhaps, that there is but a single joint affected ; the ankle or the knee possibly ; we will find the inflammation to be painful in the highest degree ; effusion very great ; constitutional disturbance most obstinate, particularly at changes of weather ; the joint affected has a gummy, or doughy feel ; quite specific. Now this is a most intractable disease ; it is, perhaps, rather more like gout than rheumatism, but the remedies for gout will not cure it with the same facility ; the best mode of treatment I have found, is to blister the joint, or rather above the joint ; afterwards, paint with iodine, and give internally the nitrate of potash, and alkalis.—*Medical Circular.*

THERAPEUTICAL RECORD.

Anasarca.—The flowers of the common broom, *spartium scoparia*, recommended by Rayer in albuminous nephritis, has been successfully used by Dr. Garcia T. Alvarez, and reported in *El Siglo Medico* for February 1854. In a man of 40, a severe attack of general anasarca, consequent upon this disease, was cured by the employment of an infusion of