

IODOFORM IN CHRONIC CYSTITIS.

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A few weeks since there appeared in some of the medical journals a notice of the treatment of chronic cystitis, by Dr. V. Moestig-Moorhof, of Vienna, with iodoform injections. Having on hand at the time several cases of decidedly chronic cystitis, which did not show satisfactory signs of improvement under ordinary treatment, I decided to treat one-half the cases (3) with the iodoform injections. The bladder was first washed out with moderately hot water, as usual, and then an injection of the following emulsion made:—

Iodoform, 3x.
Glycerine, 3i.
Tragacanth gum, gr. i.
Distilled water, 3ii.

Sig. One tablespoonful to a pint of lukewarm water, well stirred, for one injection— injection made every second day. The first part of the mixture was injected and held about half a minute, until the iodoform had settled, and was then allowed to come away clear. The latter part was ordered to be retained as long as possible without pain.

The day after the first injection, the patients all agreed in finding micturition, less difficult, less painful, and much less frequent. They had all noticed also that the urine had deposited a yellow sediment—the iodoform. The effect of the second injection was still more marked, and the third injection completed the cure, leaving them perfectly free from any symptoms whatever of their old trouble. The remaining three cases were then put on the same treatment, with the same result, excepting that the two worst cases required five injections before they confessed themselves quite cured. Of these cases three were gonorrhœal, one from cold and two, cause unknown, and had all been under medical treatment for periods ranging from six months to three years. The treatment in these cases was alike for all, independent of their causation, and was followed by a