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NOTES ON THERAPEUTICS.

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The Treatment of the Venereal Diseases.—

The *Edinburgh Medical Journal* for November last contains a most readable and instructive article by Mr. A. G. Miller, entitled "Four and a Half Years' Experience in the Sick Wards of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary." It is the introductory lecture to the course of surgery at Surgeon's Hall, Edinburgh. His remarks on the nature and treatment of the above-named diseases refer entirely to those of females, no males being admitted to Lock Wards at the Infirmary.

Gonorrhœa in the Female.—Dirt is very frequently both a cause and an aggravation of disease in the class of women who come under his care. Cleanliness, therefore, is the first point of treatment. The second item is rest in bed. Lastly, injections were employed. A pint or two of lukewarm water with sufficient Condy's fluid to make it a bright purple to be injected daily with Higginson's long tube. If the discharge was not greatly reduced in a few days, a solution of the sulphate of copper (gr. x to the ʒ) is then ordered for two or three days, but not longer. When the discharge is considerably reduced plain cold water or very weak Condy's fluid is to be used.

Gonorrhœal Warts.—The remedies most useful in keeping down warts are acetic acid and pyrogallic acid painted on, and calomel

or best of all, the desiccated sulphate of iron, dusted on. As they depend on moisture and warmth the best way to keep them down is to see that they are dry, and this is most thoroughly effected by the sulphate of iron powder. When the warts are pedunculated they can easily be removed by ligature or scissors.

Chancroids.—Dust with iodoform and keep dry, and they will heal in a few days. The action of iodoform on phagedœnic sores is more remarkable than on ordinary chancroids. To dust iodoform the crystals should be powdered very fine and applied with an insufflator. This should consist of a tube to which is attached a small rubber ball, pressure on which blows out the powder from the nozzle of the tube.

Buboes.—Mr. Miller objects to incisions made early. He thinks that when a bubo is opened early it does not heal quickly, and sinuses are apt to form.

Should suppuration be inevitable he incises it freely from end to end, squeezes out the pus and sloughing texture, and then fills the cavity with iodoform.

A healthy action is induced in a day or two, and the sore heals in a week or ten days.

Syphilis.—The dual theory is maintained by Mr. Miller, and syphilis is regarded as a fever. An evening temperature of 103° has been recorded at the outset of the secondary symptoms.

Condylomata owe their existence to the presence of moisture and warmth. They