

the best and most efficient method of treating syphilis and that an interval of two years between the active manifestations of the disease and marriage is sufficient. He says that this two years' rule has never given him cause for regret, and in an experience of over fifty years he has not yet seen a case of congenital syphilis as a result of marriages which were contracted with his sanction.

"I most unhesitatingly record my conviction," he says, "that of an old man who has had much social experience—that, provided the two years' interval be observed, the dangers to society from needlessly prolonged celibacy infinitely exceed the risks of the communication of syphilis. Such diseases as insanity, tuberculosis, and even gout are far more real dangers to the race than is syphilis. If in reference to them, like rules as regards marriage were enforced as those which some would impose in reference to syphilis, it would be disastrous to social progress and would greatly reduce the sum of human happiness."—*Critic and Guide*.

THE HYPODERMATIC TABLET AS AN EMERGENCY AGENT.—If there is one class of therapeutic agents which more than another should be chosen with discretion and judgment, the hypodermatic tablet represents that class. When he administers a preparation hypodermatically the physician wants prompt action, and he wants to be certain that he is going to get it. To have that assurance he must use a tablet that is active, that has definite strength, that dissolves promptly and wholly. Cheap tablets, poorly made tablets, tablets concerning which there is the slightest doubt as to medicinal quality, may well be left alone. And there is no need to err in the matter of selection. Hypodermatic tablets of the better sort are easily obtainable. Perhaps the brand which comes readily to mind is the brand which is exploited so extensively to physicians under the familiar caption of "Five Seconds by the Watch." The makers, it is hardly necessary to add, are Messrs. Parke, Davis & Co., who guarantee their hypodermatic tablets unequivocally as to purity, solubility, activity and stability.

SIR WILLIAM RAMSAY recently announced that radium now costs \$2,100,000 an ounce, which price is slightly less than the value given by him about a year ago, as \$2,500,000. A year ago there was said to be about one-quarter of a pound of radium in the world.