

is given of tuberculosis of those parts. There is a shorter one on actinomycosis, and an appendix on malignant growths of the temporal bone and hysterical symptoms simulating disease thereof, both of which conditions have led to errors of diagnosis on the part of even experienced observers.

In regard to operation on the mastoid process on account of chronic suppuration of the middle ear as such, Professor Körner steers a middle course, insisting that many cases of suppuration of the middle ear, even when accompanied by the extension of epidermoid pellicles, may get well without operation. He is a strong advocate for intratympanic syringing, the instillation of absolute alcohol, and the removal of the ossicles before resorting to the radical operation.

Among his indications for radical operation he includes signs of retention of pus for which the cause cannot be removed without operation, narrowing of the meatus from hyperostosis, and evidence of extension of the disease to the labyrinth and the facial canal, as tending to favour the occurrence of intracranial complications.

He adds that he has "observed no case and found none in literature, in which simple suppuration of the mucous membrane in the antrum without obstruction to the outflow of pus had led to intracranial complications" (p. 83).

In view of the weight of the question with which Professor Körner deals, and to the consideration of which he has devoted himself so thoroughly, his work will be at once in demand by all who with any frequency are called upon to deal with suppurative disease of the temporal bone, whether as aurists, pure surgeons, or general practitioners of medicine.

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NEW PREPARATION.

WE have received from Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome and Co., of Snow Hill Buildings, London, samples of their "Tabloid" Guaiacum Resin, gr. 5. This preparation has been introduced as a convenient means of administering guaiacum resin for its general effect on the system. The *Mixtura Guaiaci* of the B. P. is an unsatisfactory preparation, and is very unpleasant to the taste. The "Tabloid" product is practically tasteless. It is made from freshly powdered resin of the highest quality, and is therapeutically more active than ordinary preparations made from resin which has been stored in shop bottles in the form of powder for a long time.

In the treatment of rheumatism and gout it should be largely used, as patients do not object to the administration of the drug in this elegant form. It should also be tried in the treatment of those conditions of sore throat associated with a gouty diathesis, and in those forms of tonsillitis relieved by the administration of small and repeated doses of guaiacum. The preparation is issued in bottles containing twenty-five.