

Edema of Extremities.

Where edema of legs resisted all measures, especially where incision not permitted, good results obtained from local use of hypertonic saline solutions—25 to 50 gm. ($\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ ounces) of sodium chloride to 1 liter (quart) of distilled water. Soak gauze compresses lightly in this, wrap around legs, and cover with thick layer of absorbent cotton, held in place by bandages. Leave dressing on overnight. Equally good results in edemas due to broken compensation, Bright's disease, etc.—*Pathault*.

A Song of Asepsis.

Oh, I love full well the green soap's smell,
And the steaming tray's hot breath—
 As the wild turmoil
 Of the bubbling boil
Sings the song of the microbe's death!

Oh, I love the rush of the scrubbing brush
Upon the reddened skin,
 As the ether's fume
 Fills all the room,
And the word is passed, "Begin!"

Oh, I love the feel of the glist'ning steel
Still hot from the cleansing fire,
 And the blade's as bright
 As the rays of light
From the incandescent wire.

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—*J. Lee Hagadorn; So. Cal. Pract.*