

affection ; it furnishes two-thirds of the cases. Prognosis is good since the introduction of iodoform. The parts should be sprinkled with iodoform powder, and kept apart with pledgets of lint. The internal administration of tonics is a useful adjuvant to the local treatment.—(Arsène Sazaim, *Th. de Paris*, July, 1883 ; quoted in October *Journal of Cutaneous & Venereal Diseases*.)

Dr. Eugene F. Cordell (*Maryland Med. Journal*, Sept. 1st, 1883) strongly recommends the use of a solution of carbolic acid as a *local anæsthetic* in minor surgery. He recommends, before opening an abscess, whitlow, cutting a tendon, or performing other minor operations, that the part be bathed for a few minutes in a five per cent. solution of carbolic acid. This, in some cases, deprives the part entirely of feeling, so that the patient does not feel the knife, and in other other cases considerably lessens the pain.

Alopecia prematura.—O. Lassar has continued his observations on the nature of premature baldness, and has further convinced himself of the communicability of at least the form associated with dandruff. . . . He considers the disease is spread by hair-dressers, who apply combs and brushes to their customers, one after another, without any regular cleansing of these articles after each time they are used. . . . Females, he thinks, are less often affected with this form of baldness, because the hair-dresser more frequently attends to them at their own homes, and uses *their* combs and brushes. In order to prevent, as far as possible, the commencement of alopecia prematura, the hair should be cut and dressed at home with one's own implements, and these thoroughly clean. The following treatment of this form of baldness is recommended : The scalp is to be daily well soaked with tar or fluid glycerine potash soap, which is to be rubbed in firmly for 15 minutes. The head is to be drenched first with warm water, and then gradually colder water ; a 2 per cent. corrosive sublimate lotion is afterwards freely applied. The head is then to be dried, and the roots of the hair are to have one-half per cent. of naphthol in spirit rubbed into them. Finally, a pomade of $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 per cent. of carbolic or salicylic oil is to be used on the head. This treatment