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SEVERE BURN FROM VAGINAL DOUCHE.

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The case I present I consider of special significance, emphasizing, as it does, the danger attendant upon the use of toxic and irritating solutions, especially in thoughtless and careless hands, and also demonstrating the value of a solution of a non-toxic and non-irritant nature, such as has been brought to a state of perfection in Glyco-Thymoline.

I was hurriedly called to see Mrs. M., aged 22, whom I found suffering from a most severe burn involving the vaginal mucous membrane, the epithelium of which was completely denuded, while the perineum and adjacent parts had also suffered quite a loss of epidermis. The destructive process in the vaginal tract extended through the superficial fascia and was quite painful. She had, it seems, obtained a curbstone prescription from a medical acquaintance whom she met on the street a few days previous. Her mind, however, became confused and the proportions as were directed, *i.e.*, one dram to two quarts of water, were just the reverse of what she did use, *i.e.*, two drams to one quart of water, resulting when applied as stated above.

I at once administered a vaginal douche composed of two ounces of Glyco-Thymoline to two pints of tepid water, after which I applied a layer of cotton or loose tampon saturated with pure Glyco-Thymoline within the vagina, and a dressing of the same was applied to the perineum, etc. The tampon I did not renew until forty-one hours later. A call out of the city, at which I was detained, prevented me from removing it at the end of twenty-four hours as I had intended to do, and it was with no little misgiving that I hastened to give it my attention. It was, however, only another exhibition of one of Glyco-Thymoline's most valuable properties, as the cotton was as sweet and clean as regards all odor, etc., as when applied, and since then I have frequently assured myself that the preventing of decomposition of the discharges is a most valuable attribute of Glyco-