

Removed while the patient is under ether and pyrogallic acid afterwards applied.

Other instruments might be mentioned, such as those for removing comedones, the bun and hook of the dentists recommended by Dr. Fox in the treatment of lupus.

Unna's needle for scarification of lupus, and Martin's rubber bandage for the treatment of chronic eczema of the leg.

Dr. Sherwell's method of treating acne in the male, by the introduction of sounds through the urethra, might here be spoken of. His theory is that acne is in most cases the result of irritation of the genital organs.

The treatment of naevus by electrolysis gives the best results in the removal of this very obstinate condition.

We will now pass on to the second division of my subject, viz., New remedies. Among the more important might be mentioned crysophanic, pyrogallic, and salicylic acids, naphthol, ichthyol, resorcin, cocaine, ethylate of sodium, hot water, antimony, and calcium sulphide.

It is perhaps not correct to call crysophanic acid a new remedy, as it has now come into such general use. It is no doubt the best single remedy which has yet been discovered for the external treatment of psoriasis. It is also a valuable paraciticide, and is one of the surest remedies in the treatment of the various forms of tinea. It should be applied with care to some cases, as it frequently causes an erythematous eruption which, if severe, may prove serious. I am confident that I once saw a fatal result from the free use of crysophanic acid. A decided objection to this remedy is the fact of its staining linen indelibly. This may be prevented, as will be shown further on, by using it with flexible collodion or in plaster.

Pyrogallic acid is also a valuable remedy in the exterior treatment of psoriasis. It is not as good a remedy as crysophanic acid, and has the disadvantage of producing deleterious, even poisonous effects when applied over too large a surface. Pyrogallic acid is, no doubt, of greatest use in the treatment of lupus and rodent ulcers. I do not know any other single remedy which produces such good effects in this condition.

Salicylic acid has come into very general use in the external treatment of skin troubles. It is

of most service when there is much scaling, or when there is thickening from exudation. In seborrhœa it is very useful when combined with white precipitate ointment. It is a good germicide, and has also a sedative action in cases of pruritus. Morrison recommends Pick's 5 per cent. salicyl. acid gelatin.

Naphthol was introduced by Kaposi some four years ago. He found it of value in the local treatment of psoriasis, and in the vegetable and animal parasitic disease. Dr. Van Harlingen used this remedy very extensively. He considered it of great value in scabies, but much less useful in psoriasis than crysophanic acid. It is used in form of ointment. Naphthol 15 parts, chalk 10, green soap 50, lard 100. It may be used as a lotion—45 naphth., 100 water, 200 alcohol.

Ammonium sulph. ichthyolat is a remedy very highly spoken of by Dr. Unna, of Hamburg. It contains a large amount of sulphur. It is of most use in the cure of acne, as a local application, 2-5 per cent. It is also of use in these conditions as pityriasis, ichthyosis, etc., in which sulphur is indicated. It has also been given internally in small doses, in eczema of nervous origin.

Resorcin has been recommended in eczema, erysipelas, ulcers, wounds, and epitheliomata. It is used as an external application: one or two parts to ten of vaseline. It has been specially recommended by Unna for eczema of nose, mouth, scrotum or anus, which is accompanied by deep, painful fissures.

Cocaine is of service in eczema accompanied by painful fissures, such as that of the nipples or near the anus.

Ethylate of sodium has now for some years been used as a caustic in cure of lupus and epithelioma. In order that it may be effective it must be used quite fresh, and unless you can have it prepared on the spot by a chemist it is not reliable. My own experience with this agent has not been favorable. I did not find that it possessed any advantage over many other caustics.

Although the use of hot water has been recommended for many years in the treatment of acne, it did not come into such general use until the last few years. Hot water when used