

of the acid, and pushed to the very bottom of the cavity. The soft parts and the root of the nail are thus kept entirely separate by this application, which should be renewed about three times daily. If this is done pain, inflammation and discharge rapidly subside, and the further destruction of the young nail in its bed by the pyogenic organisms is prevented.

Milward has found the remedy to be of use in the treatment of soft corns. Two or three applications will quickly dry them up, and render them painless.

Ingrowing toenail may be successfully treated by excising the offending sharply pointed corner of the nail which is digging deeply into the ulcerated soft parts. Picric acid freely applied will subsequently harden and render the latter insensitive, and it is rarely necessary to remove the nail as a whole.

In some cases that form of eczema known as intertrigo will be greatly benefited by the acid, and Milward has had particularly good results by applying it to this condition when affecting the interdigital clefts of the toes. It is however, more suitable for adults than children.—*Brit. Med. Four.*

THE SURGICAL TREATMENT OF VULVULAR AND ANAL PRURITIS.

Mr. Rochet, in *Revue de Chirurgie* (May, 1903) reported to the *Société de Chirurgie*, of Lyons, cases of aggravated anogenital pruritus, or as he terms the condition, a true perineal dermal neurosis.

In woman the pruritus extends into the vagina and even into the urethra. On examining, nothing is seen but perhaps at times a thickening of the skin, which is rough, lichenoid, without any vesicles or papules. Cauterizations and local scarifications, which are recommended, were tried without avail. One of the patients had been in Guyon's surgical ward in Paris and also in Spillman's at Nancy.

Life had become unbearable. Another patient had become addicted to narcotics and was very despondent. Enervation of the painful area was proposed.

On the female patient he simply resected the internal pubic nerve; this was done in 1899; relief has been completely permanent.