

cooling applications are in order; if sub-acute or chronic, those of a stimulating nature are to be brought into use. Nearly all acute cases do best with lotions, and those that leave a fine and impalpable powder on the skin are to be preferred. The modified calamine lotion is one of the best. An ichthyol liniment is also useful, as it soothes, lessens the hyperæmia and is keratoplastic and antiseptic. Calamine liniment is also a useful application. Pulv. calamina præp. ʒiiss. zinci oxidum ʒii. aq. calcis, ʒiiss. aq. sambuci ad. ʒiv. Ichthyol gr. x-xx. aq. calcis, ol amygdal. aa ʒss. calamina præp. ʒiiss. zinci oxidum ʒii., aq. calcis ol. olivæ aa ʒii.

All soothing remedies should be applied constantly, the mask only being lifted to clean the surface or renew the application, which latter should be done frequently. When the disease has become sub-acute, or has been so from the first, diachylon ointment with salicylic acid may be used, and, to control the itching, ol. juniper, ol. picis, carbolic acid, menthol or camphor may be added. Lassar's paste is very valuable also, and the same anti-pruritic drugs as those just mentioned may be incorporated with it.

In private practice and for fastidious patients generally, tragacanth jelly or Bassorin varnish may be used to the exclusion of anything else, or, ointments or hard pastes can be used at night, and the jelly or varnish during the day. Pick's jelly is a sample of this style of preparation, but another and better is the Bassorin varnish introduced by G. T. Elliott, of New York: Bassorin 48.0, dextrin, 25.0, glycerin 10.0, aq. ad. 100.0. Pick's jelly is gum tragacanth 50, glycerini 2.0. aq. ad. 100.0.

To these may be added whatever remedy is indicated—such as tar, resorcin, salicylic acid, etc., etc.

*Eczema barbæ simplex*.—Shaving should be begun at once, unless the parts are too acutely inflamed, when soothing applications are called for; epilation is often recommended, but is seldom necessary when shaving is practised, as the loosened hairs come away with the pull of the razor. Any of the following ointments or creams are curative:

Hydrarg. oleatis (10 per cent.) ʒii—ʒiv to the ʒ of lanoline cum. oleo. Ungt. hydrarg. nitratis ʒi—ʒii, vaseline ʒi. Ungt. diachyli alone or with carbolic acid, salicylic acid or ichthyol. Ungt. hydrarg. nitratis ʒi—ʒii, ungt. sulphuris ʒii, acid carbolic gr. iii, ungt. simplex ad ʒi. Ungt. hydrarg. oxid. rubri ʒi ss., ungt. sulphur ʒiii, resorcin gr. xv, ungt. simplex ad ʒi.

The selected ointment or cream should be gently worked into the affected parts at night and cleansed off in the morning with very hot