

tals somewhat swollen and covered with minute vesicles; the inner side of the labia, urethra and entrance to vagina extremely red and tender; did not examine with the speculum. There was a slight leucorrhœa. I prescribed as follows:

R. Soda Borate Pulv..... 1 drachm.
Plumbi acet..... $\frac{1}{2}$ drachm.
Tr. Opii..... 1 drachm.
Aqua Distil..... 8 ounces.

M. ft. sol.

S. When used dilute with one-fourth the quantity necessary of warm water. Apply freely on cloths saturated with this solution to the external parts affected, and also between the labia—this to be repeated two or three times every fifteen minutes or twenty minutes. Then inject one ounce of solution into vagina with a common glass syringe. This greatly ameliorated her sufferings. These applications were immediately followed by a free application of:

R. Glycerine..... 1 ounce.
Acid carbolic..... 20 drops.

M.

The relief was immediate and complete. The pruritus returned subsequently in a very light form twice, but in each instance relieved immediately by the same remedies. About two years previous to the first attack, I treated the same lady for chronic inflammation and erosion of cervix uteri. Did this have anything to do with the pruritus? This lady enjoys fair health, is regular in her menstrua, but has no children.

I treated a lady only a few months since with the same course, and a like result. This lady was pregnant, supposed to be in her third month, but otherwise enjoyed good health.

Athill recommends in such cases, that the patient, after she had syringed or sponged herself with warm water, to lay inside the labia pieces of lint soaked in a lotion composed of carbolic acid, ten grains; acet. morphia, eight grains; dilute hydrocyanic acid, two drachms; glycerine, four drachms; and water, four ounces. M.

I have given the foregoing as additional sources and modes of relief in this very delicate, annoying and distressing affection. Of course, if the constitution was much depraved, the appropriate constitutional remedies should be applied.—E. Mendenhall, M.D., Indianapolis, Ind., in *Obstetric Gazette*.

CARBOLIC ACID IN SHINGLES.

Dr. Lamberti reports, in the *Revista Clinica di Bologna*, a case of herpes zoster, or "shingles," which he cured in a single day by means of carbolic acid. He painted carefully the vesicles

with the liquid acid, using a camel-hair brush, and then covered the whole part with a thick layer of cotton-wool. It caused severe burning pain for two hours, after which ease was obtained, and the patient, having received a dose of chloral hydrate, fell asleep, and awoke the next day feeling quite well. Nothing more was done, but the cotton-wool was left on for three days. On its removal then the vesicles were all dried up, the crust adhering to the cotton-wool, and the spots that remained were not in the least tender. A saline purgative and a drink containing bicarbonate of soda were the only medicines taken. No return has occurred after two years, and Dr. Lamberti thinks this method of treatment may frequently prove of great value.—*Boston Journal of Chemistry*.

INCONTINENCE OF URINE.

In the *British Medical Journal* Dr. J. C. Flood recommends tincture of Cantharides in minim doses, with tincture of the chloride of iron, given thrice daily and in gradually increasing doses. Mr. Holderness suggests the following:

R. Acidi benzoici..... ℥ii;
Syrupi aurantii..... ʒii;
Aqua..... ad fʒvj.

A sixth part three times a day.

The third dose should be given in bed, the bladder having been previously emptied.

Another correspondent suggests the following combination:

R. Potassii bromid..... ʒj;
Extract. belladonnæ..... gr. iv ad vj;
Infus. digitalis..... ad fʒviij.

For an adult, half an ounce twice a day. For a child, a drachm, three times.

EXTERNAL USE OF DIGITALIS IN SUPPRESSION OF URINE.

Dr. C. P. Russell, in *British Medical Journal*.—A married woman, aged 35, was attacked by acute albuminuria. The disease resisted the usual remedies. She became extremely œdematous, with congestion or œdema of both lungs. Respiration rapid and pulse weak and rapid. She became semi-comatose, and there was suppression of urine for 36 hours.

The case appeared hopeless, but having read in the *Journal* of a case in which the external use of digitalis was effectual in restoring the secretion of urine, I determined to try it. I ordered a half ounce of the tincture on a large linseed-meal poultice, to be applied to the abdomen. Next day I was agreeably surprised to find her vastly improved, quite conscious