

precipitate grs. v—x to the ounce of simple or other ointment, or lotio nigra with 1 per cent. to 2 per cent. of carbolic acid. So soon as the process has become subacute, an ointment or soft paste, containing 2 per cent. to 10 per cent. of salicylic acid may be substituted for the oil or lotion. It is in this stage that the soft pastes, such as Lassar's or Ihle's, find their place. As Lassar himself says, "the influence of the soft paste is a benignant one. It produces a soft, slight scaling, and, besides, a constant drying, because it acts like a filter. All the lymphatic exudations pass through the porous layer and are drawn out into the bandage instead of forming a crust upon the wounded skin itself. This is an important advantage for the completion of regeneration, because the epidermis is not obstructed by masses of adherent exudate." Lassar's paste consists of acid. salicylic gr. x—xxx, amyllum, zinci oxidum aa ʒii, vaseline, ʒss.

If the disease is seborrhœic in character, resorcin, sulphur, white precipitate or oleate of mercury may be used. Ihle's paste is a good application. It is resorcin gr. x, amyllum, zinci oxidum, lanolin, vaseline aa ʒii.

In *sub-acute vesicular eczema of the scalp*, Lassar's paste can be used from the first, and the percentage of the acid increased from 3 per cent. or 5 per cent. up to 10 per cent. Should the itching be troublesome, a small quantity of the oil of cade may be added.

In *chronic eczema of scalp*—that low form seen both in childhood and adolescence—the "Shepherd's salve" is very valuable: Hydrarg. sulphurati rubri ʒ.0, sulphur sublimatum 24.0, adeps, 75.0, ol. Bergamottae gtt. aliquot. The oleate of mercury, in increasing strength, often acts admirably.

*Eczema of the face*.—According to Unna, eczema of the face in infants occurs in three forms—the nervous, the seborrhœic and the tubercular.

1. The nervous: The characteristics of this form are that it begins on previously healthy skins, is confined to the forehead, cheeks, and chin, leaving the middle of the face clear, "like a mask with the centre cut out," is extremely itchy, tends to recur and is most often met with during dentition or accompanying gastro-intestinal disturbance.

For the treatment of this form the soft pastes are excellent. Lassar's is particularly useful, by itself, or with other drugs, such as ichthyol 3 per cent. to 6 per cent., or the tars, incorporated with it. These pastes should be applied under a mask, and renewed two or three times a day. When it is desirable to clean the surface and remove any of the paste that may be adherent to the skin, oil, and oil only, should be made use of.