

unknown, but believed by many to be identified with the bacilla of tuberculosis. This virus excites inflammatory action and thus gives rise to small patches of inflammation generally situated along the course of the vessel. On the other hand, it is looked upon as being the cutaneous manifestation of a strumous diathesis. There are several varieties of this disease, but the variety that attacks the nose, as a rule, may be lupus maculosus and exfoliatus, which latter is the form we have in the case before us. There is first an infiltration on the ala or the dorsum of the nose. With the absorption of the infiltration there is shrinking, mutilation and diminution of the nose. Before this occurs, however, there is a small yellowish red papule, which appears near the ala, and these very often coalesce till they assume a prominent and elevated patch or else the volume of the nose is increased. This organ is now brownish red in color, irregular, with knobby elevations, the surface rough, with small ulcers covered with thick crusts. These ulcers continue to eat their way behind these crusts, and when at last they are removed the destruction of the nose has been all but complete. Lupus is much more common in females, than in males. The prognosis is generally favorable, though the disease is, in every case, in danger of recurring.

Treatment.—Has two objects: 1st. To arrest the development and progress of the pathogenetic virus. 2nd. To destroy the morbid products already deposited. To accomplish the first object, it is necessary to destroy locally the virus, and give medicine internally. Iodoform is highly recommended, Pot. Iod. is an old but useful remedy. It must be taken for a lengthened period. Cod liver oil, with or without the addition of pure iodine or creosote, arsenic, iron, quinine, also general diatetic treatment. To remove the virus, we must destroy the morbid products already produced. For this purpose caustics are the best. Do not use Caustic potash or Vienna paste. A combination known as Cosme's paste, modified by Hebra—composed of white arsenic, artificial Cinnabar, and fat is highly recommended, because it does not destroy healthy skin. Nitrate of silver is next to useless, for the action of the silver does not extend beyond the part treated. Pyrogallic acid is perhaps the best local application. It destroys all Lupus tissue, and spares the healthy skin. Moreover its cicatrices are slight—soft and smooth. It is best applied in the form of a 10 per cent.

ointment applied spread on linen. It should be tied firmly to the diseased part, and changed night and morning for three or four days. By this time a black deposit lies upon the surface. The pain during this application is slight, it does not begin usually till the third day, and continues only when the ulcerated surface is uncovered. As an after dressing carbolic acid or thymol or iodoform, either powder or a 10 per cent. ointment or an ointment of v gr. of Biniodide of Mercury to the ounce of lard. On the other hand if the diseased part is small, it is suggested to bring the surgeon's knife into play and excise the part. Dr. George H. Fox, the well-known Dermatologist of New York, says: "much destruction of tissue and consequent disfiguration might have been spared in hundreds of cases by a timely use of the knife," whether the part be removed by the knife or by cauterization—the exposed surface will not as a rule heal up under three weeks.

THERAPEUTIC CLIPPINGS FROM THE LONDON (ENGLAND) HOSPITAL.

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Dr. James Anderson frequently prescribes the following combination in the Dysmemorrhœa of Amœmia.

Mist. Ferri Co., (Griffith's Mixture)	℥ ss.
Decoct. Aloes Co.,	℥ ss M.
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Chorea is at present very prevalent in London and the plan of treatment which is followed in the London Hospital is rest, good food and Liq. Arsenicalis, either alone or, if the patient be anæmic, in combination with some preparation of Iron (e. g. Ferri et Ammonia Citrate.) If the chorea movements are very severe and prevent sleep, Potass. Bromid. is prescribed with the Arsenic.

Dr. Stephen Mackenzie is at present testing the therapeutic powers of Antipyrin, Antifebrine, Salol and Salicylate of Soda, in the treatment of Acute Articular Rheumatism.

In a case of Eczema Impetigo Dr. Mackenzie directed the following plan of treatment; first soften the scabs with some oily application, then wash it (oil) off with tepid water and lastly apply