

in which bichloride of mercury has been dissolved in proportions varying from 1 in 1000 to 1 in 5000, according to the amount of foetus present; or, in place of the bichloride, iodoform, carbolic acid, or any antiseptic agent preferred may be used. With the cotton so charged he completely encircles the organ so far as it is involved. Over this a large rubber condom is drawn, which is then suspended from an abdominal band. This dressing is to be repeated every six hours until the oedematous condition disappears. At that time a beginning pallor will be observed, and often in from twelve to twenty hours the prepuce will have become very pale and shrivelled. The great majority of cases yield promptly, and no further progress is observed after the first application. If ulcers are present, it will often be discovered that they have taken on a healthy action before it has been possible to expose them, and not infrequently this progresses until the cure is completed. The advantages of this dressing are: it is cleanly; there is no difficulty in applying it, patients frequently continuing the treatment at their rooms or places of business after the first dressing; it does not expose or confine the patient; and the results in his hands, and in those of others who have tried it at his suggestion, have been very satisfactory.—*Therapeutic Gazette*.

ERGOT IN ERYSIPELAS.

One of the most unsatisfactory processes to deal with on account of the want of success attending our efforts, is that of rapidly spreading erysipelous inflammation. It is often found to be the case, that a focal point existed early in the disease, from whence the redness and accompanying tenderness spread rapidly, until large areas of skin were involved, and danger to life was imminent. In these, as well as others presenting features less marked, in which the tendency to spread is less pronounced, many local remedies have been applied, with varying success, and almost uniform reports as to their efficacy. This last is perhaps due to the fact that most of the cases of erysipelas are favorably influenced by iron, given internally, generally in the form of the muriated tincture, and which treatment is nearly invariably pursued. A local application which is never mentioned in text-books or papers, at least it has escaped our notice if it is, but which has proved to be of the greatest practical value in one of the large institutions of this city, is the Fluid Extract of Ergot. This remedy, which answers all theoretical as well as practical purposes, has been found to far surpass all other local remedies in the treatment of this affection in this institution, at which we had an opportunity of seeing it constantly used for a year, in a ward, set apart for those cases, which was never vacant. It is painted on with a brush quite thickly, and rapidly dries, protecting the skin from the air, and besides, answering the theoretical purpose of contracting the gorged capillaries. Success with this procedure was so pronounced

and uniform, that nothing was ever used in its place, the case being treated with the full confidence in its powers to allay the pathological process gained by repeated success.—*St. Louis Medical Review*.

A good motto, "In certis unitas, in dubitas libertas, in omnibus caritas," in that which is proven let us have unity, in doubtful things let us have liberty, in all things let us have charity.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF ONTARIO.

The annual meeting of the Council of the above body was held in the Examination Hall of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, in this city, on June 14th and following days. Dr. H. H. Wright in the chair. The election resulted in the appointment of Dr. Henderson to the presidency, with Dr. Burns, vice-president. The offices of registrar and treasurer were continued to Drs. Pyne and Aikins.