

2nd. It proves especially valuable in cases of herpes progenitalis, soft chancres and gonorrhoea. The latter may be cured by injections of peroxide in eight to twenty-one days; soft chancres in from five to fourteen, by using the drug in the form of lotions.

3rd. It is entirely free from any odor, does not soil the linen, or give rise to any local pain or irritation or any unpleasant general effects.

4th. It affords a most reliable means for preventing any venereal infection by using it as an injection and wash for men after each suspicious coition, and women should use it both before and after each sexual intercourse.

5th. It is very stable when kept in some dark and cool place.

COMPOUND chrysarobin ointment, says the *Brit. Jour. of Dermat.* used chiefly in psoriasis, is, according to Unna's formula, composed of chrysarobin 5 parts, salicylic acid 2 parts, ichthyol 5 parts, and vaseline 88 parts. Aristol ointment is recommended by Eichhoff: aristol 3 to 10 parts, vaseline 30 parts. It is said to be not less efficacious than chrysarobin in psoriasis, and to have the advantage over the latter that it does not stain the skin or irritate.

Bourgard's paste, a powerful escharotic, useful in epithelial cancer, is composed of wheat flour 60, starch 60, arsenic 1, cinnabar 5, sal ammoniac 5, corrosive sublimate 0.50, solution of chloride of zinc 2.45. The first six ingredients are to be separately ground and pulverized, and then mixed together in a glass mortar. The zinc solution is then to be slowly added, while the contents of the mortar are kept rapidly moving by means of a pestle.

RESORCIN FOR RODENT ULCER, ETC.—Dr. Chas. Szadek, in the *Satellite*, recommends resorcin for various forms of skin diseases, particularly condyloma and verrucae, in the form of ointment and powder. He reports a case of cure of rodent ulcer by using an ointment of resorcin and vaseline (25 per cent.). Dr. Seblond uses it in treating simple chancre, by sprinkling the ulcer each day with the powder, and gently cleaning it the following morning, as long as the base of the sore is of a greyish color. It becomes of a rosy hue, and shows healthy granulations in five or six

days. Then a five per cent. solution of resorcin is applied, and cicatrization speedily follows. It will cure a recent chancroid in a couple of weeks.

TREATMENT OF SYCOSIS.—Rosenthal, of Berlin, claims that the following treatment is followed by the best results. The patient must be shaved daily, and an application of the following paste made:

R.—Acidi tannici	10 pp.
Lac. sulphuris	20 "
Zinci oxidi alb.	
Amyli. aa.	35 "
Vasellini flavæ	100 "

m.—Et. ft. ung.

The healing is rapid, the method is convenient, the pain insignificant, and renders it epilation unnecessary.

ABORTIVE TREATMENT OF HERPES.—M. Seloir employs the following solutions (*Med. News*) in the abortive treatment of herpes:

R.—Resorcine,	3 ss.
Cocaine mur.,	gr. viij—xxx.
Ac. Tannici.	3 jss.
Alcohol (90%)	3 iij.—M.

Or,

R.—Cocaine Mur.,	gr. xv.
Ext. cannabis indicæ,	3 ijs.
Spt. menth. pep.	3 ijs.
Alcohol (90%),	3 iij.—M.

SECRECY IN LYING-IN HOSPITALS.—Last week we expressed the hope of seeing institutions established here for enabling women pregnant out of wedlock to be assured of decent support and secrecy until they were relieved of their embarrassment by the birth of a full-time child, and recover from the disabilities of the lying in period. This we said in the interest of the restriction of criminal abortion. In the course of an essay on the proper measures for remedying the depopulation of France, an abstract of which appears in a recent number of the *Union Médicale*, M. Lagneau advocates the establishment of such institutions, and alludes to their existence in Vienna. The officers and employees are sworn to secrecy, and there a woman may be delivered and leave her child behind her when she is ready to be discharged, without her identity being made known.—*N. Y. Med. Jour.*