

epileptiform convulsions marked in the upper extremities; his face turned pale. The exertion of rising to micturate caused immediate death, probably by sudden escape of blood into the pericardium. A similar history has been recorded in other cases of spontaneous rupture of the heart.—*Brit. Med. Journal*.

**New Skin Remedies.**—Schwimmer has lately, in the *Wiener Medizinische Wochenschrift*, published the results he has obtained in certain skin diseases by the use of salol, oxynaphthoic acid, salicylate of mercury, and anthrarobin. Salol mixed with starch in the proportion of two to one he finds a very effective remedy in all forms of venereal sores and in the buboes resulting from them. Iodoform seems to have a more rapid action, but salol has the superiority of possessing no smell. The drug also appears useful in conditions of the mucous membrane of the bladder, when given internally in doses of forty-five to ninety grains distributed through the day. Oxynaphthoic acid did not give good results in venereal cases, acting as an irritant. In scabies, however, it did not irritate, and was an effective remedy. It may be mixed with chalk and soft soap, each 10 per cent., with lard. It acted well also in the secondary eczema of scabies, and allayed itching in prurigo. Salicylate of mercury possesses no superiority over the ordinary remedies used in gonorrhoea and venereal sores. Given internally in doses of one and a half to two grains, it was an effective anti-syphilitic drug, although apt to cause irritation of the intestine and stomatitis. Anthrarobin was found to have no beneficial effect in psoriasis, but in herpes tonsurans, eczema marginatum, and pityriasis versicolor it acted well, being mixed with collodion in the strength of one in ten.—*Brit. Med. Jour.*

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**TREATMENT OF CORNS.**—The following is an extract from a standard English surgical text-book, which is much in use in England and America, but especially well-known in the neighborhood of Guy's Hospital: "Soft corns are best treated by taking away pressure by means of the introduction of cotton wool—that directly off the *sheep* being the best—between the toes, and the use of some dry powder, etc., etc."