

OINTMENT FOR SYPHILITIC ALOPECIA.

According to *L'Union Médicale*, July 31, 1890, Mauriac recommends the following application for the relief of syphilitic alopecia:

R.—Sulphate of quinine, } of each 7½ grains.
Turpeth mineral, }
Suet, 1 ounce.

Make this into a pomade, and apply night and morning. Every second day use the following wash:

R.—Carbonate of sodium, } of each 15 grains.
Boric acid, }
Distilled water, 8 ounces.

If the disease persists, a lotion of mercuric chloride of the strength of 1 to 500 or 1 to 1000 may be used, or in other instances yellow precipitate ointment will be more efficacious.

TREATMENT OF CHANCRES BY CREOLIN.

In the *Bulletin Générale de Théraputique*, July 15, 1890, Busque, of Brazil, writes a note to Dujardin-Beaumez, detailing his experiences in the treatment of chancres by this means.

His custom is to apply to the sore a solution of the strength of from 12 to 20 parts to 1000, and he believes that the progress of the malady is shortened and relief speedily obtained. Compared to iodoform Busque thinks these solutions of creolin equally serviceable. The best treatment, however, is to combine these drugs, using the creolin solution as a wash and then iodoform as a dressing.

For eczema of dentition, treatment is to be directed to three indications (*Gazette Hebdom.*, in *Annals of Gynecology and Paediatrics*, July, 1890):

1. To calm pruritus of the gums, frequent rubbing with the finger dipped in a solution of the following:—

R. Cocaine hydrochlorat., gr. j
Potass. Bromid., gr. x
Glycerin,
Aque destilat., āā f ̄ss M.

2. For insomnia a dessertspoonful hourly of:

R. Sodii bromidi, gr. xij
Syrup, aurant. flor., f ̄ij M.

3. For the local eczema the following:—

R. Zinci oxid., gr. xx
Vaseline, ʒj. M.

ACETATE OF AMMONIA IN SCARLET FEVER.

After experimenting with acetate of ammonia in scarlet fever, M. Vidal arrives at the following conclusions:—

1. Acetate of ammonia is well tolerated in

the human organism in the dose of 1 gramme (15 grains) per year of age, in infants as well as in adults. I do not, however, in the adult, exceed a daily dose of 35 grammes (1½ ounces).

There is reason to believe that, in this dose, acetate of ammonia, in rapidly lowering the high temperature of the body, constitutes a valuable means of treatment in scarlet fever, and, perhaps, also in other eruptive fevers.

3. The action of this remedy has always appeared more quickly when it has been administered very early in the disease.—*L'Union Médicale*, August 9, 1890, p. 202.

FOR PSORIASIS.

Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson's favorite prescription for psoriasis is:

R Acid. chrysophanic., grs. x.
Liquor carbonis detergent., ℥x.
Hydrargyri am. chlorid., grs. x.
Adipis benzocat., ʒj.—M.
Fiat ugentum.

At night the patient should wash the diseased surfaces free from all scales; then, standing before a fire, rub on the ointment, devoting, if possible, half an hour to the operation.

Mr. Hutchinson somewhat doubtfully prescribes arsenic internally along with the above.—*Archives of Surgery*.

OINTMENT FOR PITYRIASIS VERSICOLOR.

R.—Acid salicylic, 1 drachm.
Precipitated sulphur, 5 drachms.
Vaseline, 3 ounces.

Make into an ointment, and before using place the affected part in hot water for several hours, adding one ounce and a half of powdered borax to each gallon of water used. The skin should be well dried before the salve is applied.—*L'Union Médicale*.

PERSISTENT DANDRUFF.

Mr. Stephen, writing to the *Lancet*, says the following is very useful in persistent dandruff:

R Resoacini,
Ol. alivorum,
Ætheris sulph., aa ʒijj.
Supt: vini. rect., ʒvjss.

To be well shaken and applied to the scalp by a bristle brush about twice as large as the ordinary mucilage brush, by insinuating it with the locks of hair. The head to be well washed with soap and warm water twice a week.—*Weekly Medical Review*.