R. Calamina, 5i;
Pulv. zinci oxidi, 5ii;
Glycerini, f5i;
Liq. calcis,
Aquæ, of each, f5ii,—

will often prove most useful, combining, as it does, the properties of a lotion and a dusting-powder.

Instead of the calamine lotion, a saturated solution of boric acid may be applied, followed by a dusting-powder of tale or the following:

> B. Pulv. zinci oxidi, 5ii; Tale, 5vi. M. Sig.—Dusting-powder.

Among lotions which may be employed after the acute symptoms have subsided, mention should be made of the liquor carbonis detergens, which is distinctly of service in lessening the itching and hyperæmia. In the beginning its strength should rarely exceed one drachm to the pint of water; later it may be increased to two or three drachms to the pint. An old and one of the most valuable remedies in the treatment of chronic eczema is tar in its several forms, but its use requires the nicest care and judgment, since, like many other valuable remedies, it is quite as capable of doing harm as good. It should never be used in the moist stage of eczema, but only after the acute inflammatory symptoms have subsided, and then cautiously.

A favourite method with the author of employing this useful agent is to apply the following with a flat camel's-hair brush:

B. Ol. cadini, f5i to f5iii;Ol. amygdal. dulc., q.s. ad f5i. M

Brushed lightly over the diseased surface, this is much less likely than ointments of tar to cause undue irritation. If, after a few days' use, it causes any considerable degree of inflammatory reaction, it should be put aside for the time and some milder application used, such as the paste of salicylic acid mentioned above.—Dr. M. B. Hartzell, in Therapeutic Gazette.

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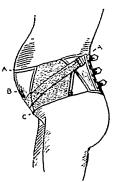


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