

INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION OF CREOSOTE IN NAUSEA AND VOMITING.

Creosote is one of the best medecines we possess for stopping vomiting. In the vomiting of pregnancy, an affection so distressing to the patient, it seldom fails. If the sickness comes on regularly after rising in the morning, Dr. Rose Cormack (who appears to have first employed it and whose observations we copy) prescribes two or three drops to be taken five or ten minutes before getting out of bed. This generally proves effectual; but if it does not, the patient ought to be directed to repeat the dose in two hours. In more troublesome cases, when the sickness occurs at intervals during the day, one or two drops should be given every two, three or four hours.

Dr. Cormack says that he has satisfied himself by experiments on the lower animals, that creosote in large doses, is a narcotico-acrid poison; and that it resembles prussic acid in its sudden depressing action on the heart. In medicinal doses, it is almost immediately sedative and calming: but these effects are of short duration; so that it is a drug which requires to be administered in often repeated small doses. It sometimes causes vertigo, and it is worthy of notice that, though excellent in allaying vomiting, it often excites it when it does not exist.

In chronic venereal ulcers, Dr. C. has repeatedly used creosote with great advantage. It answers well to apply it pure *once*, when there is deficiency of action, and subsequently to employ an ointment of from four to thirty drops to the ounce of lard. The lotion is also a very excellent form of application. In phagadenic ulcers, ulcerated chilblains and sores yielding sanious discharge, Dr. C. has often used creosote with benefit. In very few cases where the raw surface, is extensive can creosote be applied pure, as severe irritation is generally the result.—*Braithwaite's Retrospect*, vol. 6, 1842.

TINEA.—Formula: used in the treatment of Tinea capitis. The following are those commonly employed by Mr. Casenave in the treatment of this disease at the hospital St. Louis. Ioduret of sulphur ointment Ioduret of sulphur 1 scruple lard 30 scruples. Depilatory ointment; subcarbonate of soda 8 scruples, lime 4 scruples, lard 30 scruples. Pitch ointment, citrine ointment 15 scruples, pitch ointment 30 scruples; any one of these ointments may be applied in the evening; in the morning, the head is washed with the following lotion; subcarbonate of potash 8 scruples dissolved in 500 scruples of water.—*Medical Times*, April 23, 1842.

(To which we would add creosote ointment, or the tincture of Iodine applied with a brush once a day. Ioduret of sulphur is formed by