

In a severe case of acne associated with rosacea, Shoemaker advised and prescribed as follows (Times and Register): Wash the face in hot water, as hot as can be borne. Drink a cupful of hot water upon retiring and upon rising. Have the pustules punctured by a physician; the incision thus produced will not cicatrize, whereas, if they are squeezed, they heal with a scar. Take internally:

Liq. potassii arsenitis,	} āā	gtt. lxxij;
Tr. nucis vomicæ,		
Aloini,		gtt. ij;
Aq. menthæ pipe,		q.s. f̄ iiij;

M. Sig: f̄j ter in die.

Apply externally:

Acidi borici,	Ḑj;
Lanolini,	3ij;
Ol. eucalyptol,	gtt. v;
Ung. zinci oxidi,	3j;
Bismuthi subnit.,	3j.

M. Sig: Ft. unguentum.

For a case of herpes induced by a remote traumatism, Shoemaker prescribed, internally:

Ext. malt,	f̄j;
Elix. ferri lactatis,	3ss.

M. Sig: This quantity thrice daily.

Externally, to allay the inflammatory action of the integument:

Cocainæ,	gr. ij;	
Sulphuris subl.,	gr. x;	
Zinci carbonatis,	3j;	
Marantæ,	3j;	
Pulv. camphoræ,	gr. x;	
Ung. aquæ rosæ,	} āā	3ss.
Ung. zinci ox. benz.		

M. Ft. ung.

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SHOULD A POOR MAN STUDY MEDICINE?

The above question is the subject of an editorial in a recent number of one of the leading New York journals, and one which is answered in the negative. He holds that not only is a thorough medical education becoming very expensive, but the young graduate has to contend with such keen competition, not only with long established practitioners and a host of other graduates, but what is much worse he has to compete with the hospitals and dispensaries at which the rich specialists not only see their patients for nothing but give them medicine besides. The lot of the young city doctor without private resources is indeed a hard one. But this editorial brought out several replies, showing that while these remarks were true in the large cities they did not apply to the country districts where there was still room for many hundreds of physicians who would receive a moderate fee for every consultation. One correspondent blames the hospital physician for not excluding from his clinic not only the well-to-do but also those who could afford a very small fee. But we think the hospital and dispensary physicians are not alone to blame for the difficulty the young physicians have in obtain-

Castor Oil is a drug which has not yet been and is not likely to be, altogether supplanted by its more modern rivals, says the British Medical Journal; nevertheless it has been found that patients often decline to take it, and choose some more palatable, but less efficient substitute. The best way of taking castor oil is thoroughly to mix the dose with about four times as much hot milk; that is most effectually, accomplished by shaking the two together in a bottle which they do not more than half fill. When taken as above directed, the activity of the oil appears to be increased, and, being rendered very limpid by the hot milk, its oily nature is not perceived. Children take it very readily in this form, in which indeed it is scarcely distinguishable from rich milk.—Am. Pract. and News.