

USES OF CREOLIN-PEARSON IN CAMPING OUT OR "ROUGHING IT."

"DURING the months of June to September, inclusive, I carried out a series of investigations, at a colony of tents and bungalows at Rockaway Beach, L. I., and used a very large quantity of creolin-Pearson (saponified coal-tar creosote). I wished to test its reported effectiveness as a deodorant and disinfectant, as well as antiseptic, and at the summer encampment many opportunities were presented for its use as an antiseptic in dressing cuts, etc., and in taking prophylactic measures, and in keeping the tents in which my family and friends lived sanitary. I was rather sceptical as to the results to be obtained, but I was soon convinced that creolin-Pearson effectively fulfilled the purposes for which I used it.

"The sanitary condition of summer camps depends entirely upon the precautions taken to prevent disease. It is not sufficient to sweep and dust; one must scrub and disinfect besides.

"I made up my mind that I would take it upon myself to keep things at the camp as they should be, and, accordingly, I obtained quite a quantity of creolin-Pearson and distributed it among the campers, with suggestions for use. I directed that all utensils used should be scrubbed with a solution of creolin-Pearson, one teaspoonful to the quart, and then washed with boiling water; that all commodes, cuspidors, etc., should contain a solution of creolin-Pearson, one dessertspoonful to enough water to cover bottom, and allowed to remain so for the day, and then renewed. The floor was scrubbed or mopped by a solution of creolin-Pearson, one tablespoonful to the quart, and the carpets or rugs were swept with a broom dampened with the same strength solution. The garbage and waste, placed in receptacles designated for the purpose, were well sprinkled with a 25 per cent. solution. It was gratifying to note that, with these directions followed, everything was clean and sweet, and there was not one word of complaint.

"The tents we occupied were on the seashore, and whenever one came from bathing, a solution of creolin (one tablespoonful to the quart) was used to bathe the feet—thus to prevent contamination from the debris on the shore.

"Many times I was called upon to dress incised wounds of the feet and hands, and I always used creolin-Pearson as the one antiseptic, and in every case but one the result was gratifying—the one exception being due to uncleanness and disobedience to instructions.

"In conclusion, I wish to state briefly and most emphatically my faith in the judicious use of creolin-Pearson and to recommend particularly that all who contemplate camping out or "roughing it" in the vacation period, include in their equipment a liberal supply of creolin-Pearson.—Edgar C. Joyce, M.D., of Brooklyn, N.Y.