

the case have perceived how much smaller and softer this node has become.

The complexion of a syphilitic patient is in many cases of a peculiarly pale and muddy appearance, easy to recognize, but difficult to describe. This young woman, Mrs. B., is a good example. She is 32 years old, eight years married. Had one miscarriage, but no children. I take it for granted that you are aware of the effects of syphilis upon reproduction.

A month ago she made her appearance here with a tubercular thickening of the skin of the forehead, horseshoe-shape in outline, presenting here and there prominences which looked as if they would soon ulcerate. She suffered greatly from pains in the shin bones, worse at night.

Iodide of potash, in ten grain doses, at once gave relief, and the eruption on the forehead disappeared. I call her in merely to let you see an example of the muddy complexion of syphilis.

Psoriasis.—Of this disease here are two cases. The first, that of Mrs. B., is one of old standing.* She has been brought here to show you the result of the use of chrysophanic acid (gr. xx ad ʒ j.) ointment. She had patches all over her body, knees, elbows, abdomen, chest, scalp, and neck. Her skin is quite clear now; in a few months the eruption will re-appear.

In this second case of psoriasis, pyrogallic acid ointment (gr. xx. ad ʒ j.) has been applied. The disease shows itself about both knees, and is aggravated by the varicose condition of the veins of the leg. The patches are white and silvery. It is in irregularly disposed patches, like the spattering of soft mortar thrown against a wall; and the elbows are in the same condition. Compare the appearance of this bright, shiny, non-specific psoriasis with the dull, reddish-brown tint the patches present in the case of William D. This woman requires rest in bed to restore the equilibrium of the circulation in the lower extremities.

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Chronic Eczema.—This girl is general servant in a large family. Her hands and arms are constantly in water. She has had this eruption for eleven years. It extends over the back of the hands, between the fingers, and over the flexor aspect of both forearms. At times it becomes very painful and weeps. It is always itchy. A cluster of vesicles are seen here and there on the skin, as well as the scabs formed by those which have broken. The cuticle, too, is rough and thickened. She has found out herself that her hands are better when they are not constantly wetted. This is a case of chronic eczema. Its characteristics, as seen in this case, are the constant weeping and itching. The former being the result of effusion into the papillary layer of the skin forcing itself to the surface. The following ointment is being used with very good result: *R.* Olei Olive, ʒ ii, Emp Plumbi, ʒ j. Olei Lavandulæ m xii. To be applied on lint covered by gutta percha tissue, and retained in place by a bandage from the fingers to the elbow.

She is also taking Fowler's Solution, which contains gr. 1/24 of arsenious acid to each dose of five minims. Arsenic is thought to give good results in chronic cases. It should be given after food.

This patient is the sister of William D. A second sister is under treatment for eczema of the hands.

TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL.

A CASE OF SPINAL CONGESTION—UNDER THE CARE OF DR. A. H. WRIGHT.

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Wm. Batty, bachelor, aet. 39, a butcher, born in England, and been in Canada five months. Previous to this attack he has never had any illness except childhood's diseases; constitution has always been good; habits have been regular; never exposed to any hardships; family history good.

November 22nd, 1882—Got his feet wet, and did not dry them for several hours; felt chilly in consequence; but noticed no other immediate effect.