

MEDICAL PREPARATIONS, ETC.

POWDER BURN OF FACE.

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About a year ago I was called in a hurry to relieve the awful suffering of Carl Rucker, of this city, 10 years old, who, when playing with other boys, exploded about two ounces of coarse black shooting powder in a little earth mount, and not being quick enough to turn away got the most of the discharge into his face; even the conjunctivæ of both eyes were blackened, and from the burn and subsequent inflammation shut tight; one of the ears also got burned very badly.

To extract the powder from the skin I have in years gone by applied a thick layer of castile soap made into a sort of dough, and as I had to deal here with the inflammation and pain beside, I scraped a cake of shaving soap, mixed it thoroughly with antiphlogistine, and applied it about one half inch thick all over the face and ear, leaving a hole for the eyes, nostrils and mouth. About one half hour later the little patient, a very sensible child, rested very comfortable, free from pain, and slept a few hours soundly. About 24 hours later I removed the whole mask from the boy's face, and to my great delight and surprise the application had drawn out every kernel of the powder. The inflammation had been greatly reduced, pain was all gone, and the face appeared almost natural again with the exception of the sclera of both eyes, which I treated with a solution of cocaine adrenalin.

Another remarkable circumstance is the fact that the boy at the same time got entirely rid of his freckles, not a trace of the latter could be detected.

For about a week the face got anointed with cold cream twice daily, and being well, was discharged as cured.

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