

Sampson Gamgee points out that, although the idea is perfectly original with Dr. Martin, yet the method was long ago employed by Thomas Baynton, surgeon, of Bristol, and mentioned in his work in 1799. Duhring, of Philadelphia, records an example of that rare affection of the skin known as xeroderma. He also reports a case of onychomycosis trichophytina, and Dr. Graham, of this city, has also met with one this year. Mr. Alex. Hawkins records a case of sloughing from elbow to wrist. The wound was treated by skin-grafting—about 100 grafts being used, chiefly from the cadaver—and healed over in five weeks. Duhring and Van Harlingen have found the glycerole of the subacetate of lead chiefly useful in eczema rubrum of the legs, but it possesses no anti-pruritic properties. Bulkley and many others report very favourably of Martin's rubber bandage in eczema. Dr. Lindsay reports in the *Medical Times and Gazette* a case of eczema attended with a pigmented exudation, at times green, at others blue. Mr. Squire reports a couple of cases of port-wine mark cured by linear scarification. He showed at a meeting of the Medical Society of London a scalpel he had devised with sixteen parallel blades, the whole measuring less than half an inch across, for effecting this purpose. He also showed another instrument, consisting of thirty-six needles fixed into a plaster of paris handle, and not covering half an inch square. These should only be heated to a black-heat on their insertion into the skin. Dr. Jno. Brunton reports two cases of nævus cured by sodium ethylate, as suggested by B. W. Richardson. Dr. Sangster presented to the Clinical Society a rare case of urticaria pigmentosa. At the same meeting, Dr. Tilbury Fox read a paper on a hitherto undescribed affection of the hair follicle, which he has denominated cacotrophia folliculorum. Piedra is the new name given to an old affection of the hair, redescribed this year. Dyce Duckworth has introduced a new epilating forceps, figured in the *Lancet* of 6th April. Mr. Balmanno Squire reports the successful treatment of lupus of the face by linear scarification, as in port-wine marks. Prof. De Roubaix has invented a new suture needle, which is made by Denis, of Brussels. It con-

sists of a sharp-pointed hollow needle containing a crotchet-needle, which can be made to slide in or out, and to which, when protruded, a silk or silver suture can readily be hooked. Riedinger has found that the application of the induced current will prevent the hæmorrhage which is apt to follow the use of Esmarch's bandage in amputations. Mr. Lister, of London, this year read a paper before the Académie de Médecine, of Paris, on the effect of posture on the peripheral circulation, showing that elevation, acting reflexly, determined contraction of the arteries, and that, therefore, position alone sufficed to arrest hæmorrhage from the smaller vessels. Amongst the new works, or new editions of old works, on surgery we note the appearance during the year of the following:—Second edition of Gant's *Science and Practice*, Ashurst's *Principles and Practice*, second edition of Holmes's *Principles and Practice*, Vol. II. of Billroth's *Lectures on Surgical Pathology and Therapeutics*, Vol. I. of Hayes Agnew's *Principles and Practice*, Carnochan's *Contributions to Operative Surgery and Surgical Pathology*, Stinson's *Manual of Operative Surgery*, Sampson Gamgee's *Clinical Lectures on the Treatment of Wounds*, second edition of Hill and Cooper's *Manual of Venereal Diseases*, fasc. I. Jonathan Hutchinson's *Illustrations of Clinical Surgery*, eleventh edition of Druitt's *Vade Mecum*, Part I. of Balmanno Squire's *Atlas of Diseases of the Skin*, a *Handbook on the Diagnosis of Skin Diseases*, by Liveing, and the fourth edition of his *Notes on Treatment*, Lane's *Lectures on Syphilis*, further parts of Duhring's *Atlas of Skin Diseases*, Balmanno Squire on the *Treatment of Poriasis*, Erasmus Wilson's *Lectures on Dermatology*, delivered at the Royal College of Surgeons in 1876, 1877, and 1878, Otis on *Stricture of the Male Urethra and its Radical Cure*, Macnamara on *Diseases of Bone*, Francis Mason's *Lectures on Surgery of the Face*, fourth edition of Curling on *Diseases of the Testis, Spermatic Cord, and Scrotum*, and fourth edition of *Surgery of the Rectum*, by Henry Smith.

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