

Another group of drugs that apparently increases the activity of these hypnotics is that of the antipyretics. The combination of acetphenetidin with veronal, first advocated by von Noorden, is especially useful, comparatively small doses of the combination producing results equal to those of larger doses separately.

Vermin-infested Clothing.—J. R. Currie (*Med. Off.*) issues cards to parents as follows: "To destroy lice, shirts and similar articles of clothing should be washed well with soap and water and then boiled. Any clothes that would be damaged by washing or boiling should be thoroughly steamed. Then, after drying, the clothing should be searched for nits. These are of small size, and tightly fixed to the stuff. They are chiefly found in seams and creases. To destroy nits, turn each article of clothing inside out, and iron it thoroughly with a hot iron, especially at seams and creases. If there is lining, as in frocks, sleeves of coats, etc., iron well on the lining. In dealing with trousers, first turn them inside out, then turn over the free edges of the seams on both sides and iron firmly close up to the sewing. Then remove dead nits and brush the clothes thoroughly. To cleanse the child, give a hot bath, washing well all over with soft soap. If the child's bed has become infested, the bedding and bedclothes should get prompt attention also."

Leucorrhea.—Plique (*Bull. Méd.*) says in some cases of leucorrhea in young girls bathing in tepid alkaline water containing one-half pound of sodium carbonate may suffice for relief. He also advocates local washings with one per cent. borax solution, or, if the inflammation is severe, two per cent. decoction of althea root. Where these measures are not effective, douching with normal saline or borax should be advised. If there is more or less odor, some preparation containing sodium hypochlorite should be used. In young girls search should be made for constipation, pin worms, chlorosis, or scrofulous chloroanemia.

Alopecia Areata.—Kolipinski (*Merck's Report*) uses a 1 to 2 per cent. aqueous solution of nickel sulphate for compresses, or applied the lotion to the diseased area and left it to dry. After the expiration of a week a growth of fine new hairs was observed, and in six weeks the normal covering of the scalp was restored.