

upon you, viz., the scarificator must be pressed carefully and firmly against the skin or it will slip and make very irregular incisions. Care must be taken so to apply the cup that it will accurately cover the cuts. As the scars made by the scarificator remain through life, cupping should never be done on exposed situations.

LEECHING.

So seldom are leeches now used in Montreal that I am informed that there is only one druggist in the city who keeps them. Forty years ago every dispensing chemist had them in stock. The true English or speckled leech is the one which has always been used in this country, and about the only one that, though some authors speak well of the Swiss and German leech, can be depended upon to do its duty. It is olive green on its back, with six rusty red longitudinal stripes, often spotted with black. Its mouth is placed in the middle of the oval or buccal disk. Its shape is triangular and within it are the jaws; on the free curved margin of each jaw is about sixty small finely pointed teeth. Leeching is applicable to a great variety of diseases, and was at one time more frequently employed than any other mode of topical bleeding. It is bad practice to use them during an epidemic of erysipelas. The number of leeches applied will depend upon the intensity of the morbid action, as well as the age and vigour of the patient. For an adult a good average number is from fifteen to twenty. In children under five years, from three to six. There are certain localities where their application is inadmissible. The face, neck and other parts habitually exposed, are, if possible, avoided, because leech bites are sometimes followed by disfiguring scars, particularly objectionable in females. They must not be applied to the eyelids, scrotum, prepuce or in fact to any structure abounding in loose tissue, and therefore readily allowing of great infiltration of blood. Nor must they be applied along the course of a superficial artery or vein. Care must be taken not to apply them to centre or focus of an inflamed surface. The method of applying the leech varies with the seat and the number. If a half dozen or more are to be applied to the abdomen, then a tumbler may be used, the leeches placed inside and the tumbler inverted. Wherever the application is to be made the part must be divested