1 %

(2) R. Zinci carbonat. precip.
Pulv. amyli
Lanolini
Ung. aquæ rosæaa 3 ii.—M.

To each of these ten grains of boric acid, resorcin or of salicylic acid may be added.

This process of local treatment is generally all that is required to affect a cure in an acute case. In some cases where resolution appears to linger, half a drachm to a drachm of liq. picis carbonis, added to any of the foregoing prescriptions, will materially aid in effecting a cure. However as the skin frequently turns greenish when a mixture of liq. picis carbonis and resorcin are applied, when the former is used, I substitute boric acid or salicylic acid for the resorcin.

The internal treatment of acute eczema is nearly as important as the local medication, as in the majority of cases there is some systemic disturbance. Here, as in the local treatment, rest to the skin should be the guiding principle in the treatment of the disease. Rest of mind and body are sedatives to the skin and should be secured as completely as possible. When the eruption is extensive, confinement to bed is a great aid in subduing the inflammation. Particular attention should be directed to the condition of the alimentary tract, for although the pecient may not complain of any subjective symptoms, there is frequently some digestive disturbance, such as intestinal putrefaction. Regulation of the diet is of the greatest importance. The food should be of plainest possible character. Milk and Vichy water answers admirably in many cases. Hot drinks and stimulants are contra-indicated. The bowels should be kept regulated by the administration of saline aperients, such as Carlsbad salt, Glauber salts, etc. When the urine of the patient has a high sp. gr. and contains an excess of indican, the administration of 2 or 3 grains of calomel, combined with three or four grains of resin of jalapin will be found advantageous. This combination is not only a purgative and an intestinal antiseptic, but has also a diuretic action. How it increases the quantity of urine is not quite clear, but probably depends upon the action of the calomel upon the liver. In place of these remedies. I sometimes prescribe with advantage small doses of salicylate of sodium combined potassium bicarbonate and aromatic fluil extract of cascara sagrada. The activity