

R Creasoti purissimi.....2 parts
 Alcoholis.....30
 Tr. gentianæ,
 Ext. caffèæ.....aa.10 "
 Aquæ destillatæ.....100 "

M. Sig.—Shake well and take a tablespoonful in half a glass of milk twice daily.—*Epitome. of Pract. Med. and Surgery.*

TO REMOVE FRECKLES.

R Hydr. præcip. albi, 5 parts;
 Bismuthi subnitrici, 5 parts;
 Ungt. glycerini, 20 parts.

M. Apply to freckles every second or third day, but not more frequently.—*Memorabilien.*

SALICYLIC ACID IN SKIN DISEASES.

Dr. Besnier, in a clinic reported in the *Journal de Méd. et de Chir. Prat.*, April, 1888, recommends salicylic acid in the following skin diseases:

In pityriasis versicolor, the affected parts should be bathed every evening with hot water and soap. The following ointment should then be applied:

Acidi salicylici.....gr. xlv
 Sulph. præcip.....gr. ccxxv
 Vaselini..... $\frac{5}{3}$ iij

The bathing and the application of the ointment should be renewed every evening; recovery usually occurs in about fifteen days.

Salicylic acid will also, he says, act well in senile pruritus, that is to say in the violent itching occurring in old people, unaccompanied with senile retrograde changes in the skin. In these cases, besides starch baths, the author advises that every evening the whole body should be bathed with a sponge dipped in very hot water (at about 104°), or with water containing a teaspoonful of the following liquid:

Aromatic vinegar.....f $\frac{3}{4}$ viij
 Carbolic acid.....gr. lxxv

The body should then be covered with the following powder, applied with slight friction with the hand:

Starch..... $\frac{5}{3}$ iij
 Salicylate of bismuth.....gr. cl

The salicylate of bismuth may be replaced by salicylic acid. Finally, it may be employed with advantage in acne with comedones. The following ointment may be used every evening for eight days:

R Salicylic acid.....gr. xxx
 Precipitated sulphur
 Potash soap.....aa $\frac{5}{3}$ jss

At the end of eight days some emollient application is made, and a great number of comedones will be found to have been expelled.—*Revue Médicale*, April, 1888.

PRELIMINARY TREATMENT OF PSORIASIS.

To remove the scales which occur in psoriasis, and thus increase the efficiency of remedial agents to be subsequently applied, Dr. Alf. Stocquart recommends (*Archives de Médecine et de Chirurgie Pratiques*) the following:

R Ammon. Carbonat.....2 parts:
 Lanolini puriss.....5 parts.
 Cerat. Simplicis.....10 parts.

M.

This is to be applied twice daily, and is neither irritating nor painful. It leaves a clean, smooth surface, and its chief value lies in the fact that it is cheap.

LACTIC ACID IN DIARRHŒA.

M. Hayem at the *Soc. des Hôp.* stated that in diarrhœa, especially the green diarrhœa of children, he had found a teaspoonful of a two per cent. solution of lactic acid, every hour, efficient. In adults when the flux was chronic and accompanied with dyspepsia, a rapid cure was effected by three tablespoonfuls of the same solution. Where the diarrhœa was bilious and acid, he ordered large doses of bicarbonate of soda.

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