

THE TREATMENT OF PARASITIC BALDNESS.—Sabouraud (*Concours médical*, June 19, 1897), recommends two ointments. The first, which is cheap, is made according to the following formula :

R	Turpeth mineral . . . . .	45 grains.
	Essence of lemon . . . . .	20 drops.
	Vaseline . . . . .	900 grains.

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The second ointment is very expensive, but, says the author, it is cheaper to regain one's hair with this pharmaceutical treasure than to buy a wig.

The formula is as follows :

R	Pilocarpine, } each. . . . .	4 parts :
	Quinine, } . . . . .	
	Precipitated sulphur . . . . .	10 "
	Balsam of Peru . . . . .	20 "
	Beef marrow . . . . .	100 "

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CASTRATION FOR RAPE IN KANSAS.—A bill has been introduced into the Kansas Legislature, referred to the Committee on Public Health and Hygiene, and by them reported back with the recommendation that it pass. It provides that every person who shall be convicted of rape, and every person who shall be convicted of incest, and every minister, clergyman, priest, or teacher, having charge of any church or other religious body or school, who shall have illicit connection with any unmarried virgin female under twenty-one years of age of his charge or school : and every guardian of any female ward under the age of eighteen (18) years who shall defile her, shall be punished by imprisonment at hard labor for a period not less than five or more than twenty years, and in addition to such punishment he shall be castrated. In all cases where the defendant shall be convicted of any of the offences specified in the foregoing section, the court shall, when pronouncing judgment upon the defendant, order that the prisoner shall, after the expiration of one year from the date of his arrival at the penal institution in which he is to be confined, and within eighteen months from the date of the sentence, be castrated by the medical officer of such penal institution : which order shall be a part of the final judgment in such case, and a certified transcript of which order and judgment shall be delivered with the prisoner to the principal officer of the penal institution in which the prisoner is to be confined. In any case where the order for such operation has been carried into