

Soda, one dram, *fresh lard*, one ounce; this may be rubbed on the part with a bit of soft flannel for ten or fifteen minutes every day, till the hair comes away. After the hair is removed, a plaster of *Tar Ointment* should be applied and kept on continually. It should be removed every second day, and the old ointment carefully washed off with *Soda* and warm water before the new plaster is applied. Should the *Tar Ointment* prove insufficient of itself to cure the disease, an equal quantity of *Sulphur Ointment* may be added to it. Lotions of *Sulphuric Potash*, *Chloride of Soda*, and *Chloride of Lime*, *Sulphate of Iron*, *Sulphate of Zinc*, and *Sulphate of Copper*, and various other preparations have been used. A linen cap should be constantly worn to protect the head as well from the atmosphere as from the fingers of the patient.

INCONTINENCE OF URINE.

Involuntary discharges of urine at night is a frequent and very disagreeable affection; it is most common in young children, and is apt to cease at or before puberty, but is occasionally prolonged to a later age. The discharge during sleep sometimes occurs in consequence of dreams, but more frequently is altogether involuntary, without the least consciousness on the part of the patient, and dependent solely upon the relaxation of the *sphincter* under the stimulus of the urine. Occasionally the incontinence is experienced also during the day, so that the patient cannot retain his urine as long as persons in ordinary health. This affection is often attended with an acrid condition of the urine, which is high-coloured, and loaded with *uric acid* in solution, or even with sediment of the acid or its salts. In this case there is a combination of irritation of bladder with debility of the *sphincter*. More frequently, however, the urine is pale and watery, and secreted in unusual quantity. The affection is said sometimes to be hereditary, or at least it occurs frequently in several members of the same family.

I have often found country people under the impression that their children became affected through playing with and handling the blossoms of *dandelion* (which is a powerful *diuretic*), the bright yellow flowers of which are usually very captivating to children. Very likely the handling and smelling the *dandelion*, and the sprawling about on the damp grass may together have some effect.

Treatment.—Our object, in these cases, must be to improve the health, and strengthen the general tone of the system. For this purpose, we may give the patient *tonics*, such as infusions of *Gentian*, *Cascarilla*, or *Colombo*, or all combined, with small doses of *Acetate* or *Sulphate of Iron*, with cold bathing. Friction over the body, with a rough towel, for ten minutes after the bath, will be beneficial, and attention should be paid to the diet, which should be nourishing and easy of digestion. Occasionally, benefit will be derived from taking one or two grains of *Extract of Henbane* (this dose for a child of ten years old) at bedtime, which may be repeated if found of advantage. The child should be allowed but little drink in the evening, and that not of an acid nature; and he should carefully and completely empty the bladder before going to sleep.