

Medicine.

ITCHING AND BURNING OF THE SKIN.

DR BACON employs with much satisfaction the following formula:—

℞. Sapon mol., Oj.; spts. vin., f. ʒ iv.; ol. juniper, ol. amygd., aa f. ʒ j.; emuls. sassafras, ʒ vi.

Juniper tar soap is employed, and highly recommended, for the same purpose as above.

Tinct. hamamelis virg.,—Pond's or Squeer's preparation recommended.

℞. Ung. zinci carb., ʒ iv.; acidi gallici, ʒ j.; tinct. ferri chlor., gtt. j.

This combination finds much favour with some writers. Before applying, wash the part with bran or slippery elm water.

In skin diseases attended with discharge or itching, notice through the agency of a piece of litmus paper whether the discharge be acid or alkaline; if acid, lime-water and milk in equal parts will generally be found to furnish an immediate relief. If alkaline, any convenient neutralizing wash may be used.

Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children.

TWO CASES OF CONVULSIONS DURING DENTITION ARRESTED BY SCARIFICATION OF THE GUMS. BY G. STEVENSON SMITH, L. R. C. S.E.

Since Dr. Cairns communicated his able paper on the Scarification of the Gums to this Society, I have chanced to meet with two cases of convulsions in young children, in whom the violent and alarming excitement of the nervous system was completely allayed by lancing the gums.

A. M., aged six months, a sickly-looking infant, had not been well for a day or two, and when I was asked to see him he had much heat of skin and of the head, and had vomited several times. The pulse was sharp and quick, and for twenty-four hours there had been numerous successive attacks of general convulsions. Failing to find any cause for the fits in the state of the general health, I examined the mouth, and found the lower gum red, tumid, and glistening. I divided its tense margin with a lancet, and the little patient appeared to get immediate relief. At my visit next day, I found him lively and contented, the temperature had fallen, the gastric irritation had subsided, and there had been no more convulsions.

L. S., aged eight months, had been fretting much for some days, was hot and restless at night, had a burning head, quick pulse, and a ceaseless