

bandage, which will exclude air, will often be followed by a cure of the cutaneous lesion, but I have never tried it. Exposure to air, no doubt, aggravates it. Preparations of the alkalies, tar, and solutions of the sulphate of iron have a good effect. Of the alkalies we may use caustic potash, 2 to 40 grs.; ad aquæ, 1 oz., applied with a camel's-hair brush, for the purpose of producing pain. If we use a very strong solution, it is to be washed off in from three to five minutes, as the pain is insufferable longer. We may use, too, the oil of cade combined with zinc, or a drachm of the flowers of zinc to an ounce of benzoated lard, and then use a drachm of this ointment with an ounce of the oil of cade. It at once stimulates and excludes air. I have seen very good effects from the iron. It produces contraction of the motor nerves, and when the circulation is improved, the condition of the part becomes easier. It should be strong enough to cause pain, 1 to 4 drs. ad aquæ Oj, for although the pain is severe, yet there is ultimate relief. It is to be applied about three times a week, and washed off after the pain has lasted for say five minutes. After it we may apply the benzoated ointment mixed with oil of cade. Outside of this we may put a piece of linen, and over that a bandage from the toes to beyond the knee. This should be removed about three times a week, oftener being hardly necessary. Among constitutional tonics we can give iron and arsenic, which should be continued for a good while.

As to the use of arsenic in eczema, and generally in cutaneous lesions, it can hardly be of no use when it has been so largely used with apparent success. In chronic cases the habit of arsenic eating may be acquired, just as of opium or cannabis indica; its abuse for improving personal charms is not unfrequent. Hebra, I am informed, does not now use it, although in his work he advises its use, but not with the enthusiasm of many of the English and French dermatologists, especially the former. It is almost a specific in psoriasis. Fowler's solution is perhaps the best form for administration, in gtt. v. doses; arsenious acid is also eligible, one-fifteenth grain doses. The arsenite of soda, made similarly to the arsenite of potassa, has an advantage over it. Sometimes Donovan's solution is given; it has been found especially efficacious in some cases of syphilide, but is apt to produce nausea. Arsenic should always be given upon a full stomach, or after eating, and in small doses, gradually increased.—*New York Medical Gazette.*