

has now, in many cases, brought the disease not only to a stand, but the hair has been to a considerable extent restored. (*Berlin. Klin. Woch.*, No. 16, 1883, quoted in *Edinburgh Medical Journal*, Sept., 1883.)

In ordinary dandruff, I have found useful the washing of the head with common or soft soap every other day, and, after drying the head, applying an ointment of equal parts of oleate of mercury (Shoemaker's) and prepared lard.

*Carbolized Sawdust as a Dressing.*—Mr. H. P. Symonds (*Lancet*, September 22nd, 1883,) recommends the use of coarse sawdust soaked in (1 to 10) solution of absolute phenol and spirit of wine, then allowed to dry that the spirit may evaporate, leaving sawdust charged with carbolic acid. When used it is enclosed in a bag made of several layers of gauze, and applied outside the deep dressing, the usual external dressing being placed over it. The sawdust takes the place of the usual padding of loose gauze which is generally used. Its absorbent powers are very great, and it has the additional advantages of keeping up an even pressure on the divided tissues. Mr. Symonds finds that 14 oz. of sawdust will readily absorb about a pint of fluid. Wood shavings have been used extensively in Germany in the same way with good results.

*Sugar as a Dressing for Wounds.*—It appears that now there are very few substances that are not used in dressing wounds. Every week something new is used and praised highly for its antiseptic qualities and its cheapness. Bismuth, glycerine, earth, wood shavings, and now we have sugar. Dr. F. Fischer, assistant to Prof. Lücke, in Strasburg Hospital, has used powdered cane sugar extensively as an antiseptic dressing to wounds. In cases of wounds united by sutures, the sugar mixed with iodoform and naphthalin, is put up in gauze and applied to the part. When the skin is lost it is put directly to the part. The sugar dressing may remain on from 8 to 14 days without the sugar dissolving.

Dr. Windelschmidt, of Cologne, says he has used sugar alone as a dressing with good results and considers it quite as good as iodoform for small wounds. He also says that powdered sugar