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Treatment of Scabies.

S. Sherwell (*Jour. of Cutan. and Gen.-Urin. Diseases*) describes his method of treatment as follows: Usually several members of a family are infected; each one is directed to take a bath the same evening, and adults should use a sand soap over the tougher portions of the body which are involved. The body and limbs are then rubbed lightly with a little sulphur lotion; a half teaspoonful is an excess for each individual; no excess of friction is required at all. The bed linen and underclothing should be changed, and between the sheets a few spots of sulphur should be placed in each bed, and the sheet shaken, so that the sulphur is disseminated over the whole internal surface. By repeating the powdering of the bed, and by bathing and changing clothes in about the same way every other night for a week, the cure is effected in ordinary cases. An exaggerated case will take longer, as the one takes a longer time than that to develop. One ounce of sulphur lotion is a great excess of what is needed in the ordinary treatment of a family of five. Besides being more cleanly and less irritating than the other methods usually followed, sulphur in and of itself has a direct and potent inhibitory action on other parasitic diseases, both animal and vegetable.

Iodid of Potassium in the Treatment of Acne Vulgaris.

F. S. Levisieur (*N. Y. Med. Rec.*) observed that if patients with normal renal functions, having acne vulgaris, take gr. v. of iodid of potassium three times a day, in a glass of milk, symptoms of what might be called acne iodism appear as early as after two or three doses, and not later than on the third day. These symptoms consist in the appearance of a metallic taste, running from the nose, and a feeling of pressure in the frontal region. The local symptom consists of the appearance of nodules in the skin of the face, slightly redder than the surrounding parts, and moderately painful on pressure. At the same time acne lesions, if present, show a sudden increased inflammatory reaction, resembling the reaction occurring in and around lupus nodules after the injection of tuberculin. In fifty cases treated in this way the iodid was given in milk. A case is cited, which illustrates the manner of treatment. On