

danger of causing irritation has been abundantly proved by a long experience of a large number of cases, and that it is also a specific in this disease the records of the hospital show, as, with few exceptions, a week or ten days effects a complete cure.

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Acne Vulgaris.

As an alternative form of treatment in this troublesome disease, the following can be strongly recommended.

Direct the patient to carry out the usual course of shampooing the face with water, as hot as can be borne, and some bland un-irritating soap, and then, after carefully drying the skin, to apply the following lotion once a day :

Hydrargyrum bi-chloridi gr. xii

Spiritus vini recti 3 vi

The effect for the first few days will be, possibly, to render the condition worse and make the part hyperæmic, but after this the lotion causes no discomfort and prevents the formation of pustules.

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Dysmenorrhœa in Young Girls.

The following method of treatment will be found very serviceable for that class of cases in which the flow is ushered in by severe cramp-like pains, and in which one does not feel justified in proposing a vaginal examination or local treatment of the generative organs.

For three or four days preceding the onset of menstruation give half-drachm doses of the fluid extract of viburnum prunifolium in hot water three times a day. On the morning of the expected period give a full dose of magnesium sulphate to procure a large fluid motion of the bowels, and, if the pain comes on in spite of this, five grain doses of antipyrin repeated every two hours for three doses, if necessary, will often relieve it. Any other of the latter class of remedies can, of course, be used in place of the one named.

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