

leum, cosmoline and vaseline, as a basis for these ointments where protection of the surface and exclusion of air is desired, as they have not body enough to remain as a thick coating upon the limb, but rapidly soak in and leave the parts dry and exposed.

I will not occupy time with further details of ointments, as this is sufficient to indicate the plan or idea of treatment which I wish to present as offering success in the class of cases under consideration; while the ointment is not a matter of indifference, the same result can be obtained, I believe, by other remedies than the one mentioned, and my case-records would undoubtedly show many others of value. It is the method of employing remedies and strict attention to details which give success, and I feel certain that the points I have given are very important and will be of the greatest service if carefully carried out.

Brief mention might be made of other applications which have rendered me good service, although, as before remarked, remedies must vary for different cases, and it is beyond the limits of the present paper to detail all that might be used and to give their possible indications. The following combination is very effective:

R. Unguent. picis	5 iij.
Unguent. bellad	3 ij.
Tinct. aconit. rad	3 ss.
Zinci oxidi	3 j.
Unguent. aquæ ros	3 iij.

M. Ft. ung.

The ointment of chloral and camphor, of each a drachm or two to the ounce, will often prove a very efficient anti-pruritic, as first described by the present writer several years ago.

Lotions are sometimes of much service, especially in eczema of the penis and scrotum, and the following can be recommended:

R. Bismuth subnitrat.....	3 ij.
Acid. hydrocy. dil.....	3 j.
Emuls. amygd.....	3 iv.

M. Ft. lotio.

This of course must not be used where the skin much torn or broken.

A word may be added in regard to the employment of stronger local measures, for they are not infrequently of value in proper cases and at the proper time or period in the disease. When congestion has ceased, and there is still some thickening and a tendency to slight cutaneous fissures, we may use the green soap or the compound tincture of green soap.

R. Saponis viridis,	
Olei cadini,	
Alcohol.....	a a 3 j.

M.

with good effect. With this we need friction, and a piece of muslin (subsequently white flannel may be used to give greater friction) is wet with the lotion and rubbed briskly over the parts for a few moments, which are then to be immediately covered with a mild ointment. For this purpose the ordinary zinc ointment, half a drachm to the ounce of the unguentum aquæ rosæ (U.S.P.), answers well, or the subnitrate of bismuth or calomel either in the same strength. We may also use with good effect the unguentum diachyli of the German Pharmacopœia, as introduced by Hebra; but this is apt to be too stimulating for some skins. It is quite as well not to have any tar in these ointments, because, having stimulated with a tarry lotion, the parts need complete test. We may sometimes obtain excellent results from the use of caustic potassa in solution, used in much the same way, but some caution will be necessary in order not to overstimulate the part. A lotion of five to ten grains to the ounce is all that can be borne in many instances; but if carefully applied, especially by the physician, one of the strength of fifteen, thirty, or even sixty grains to the ounce, may be quickly brushed over the part, and cause an exudation which is followed by relief to the itching and diminution of the disease. These strong applications are to be advised with caution, and care should be taken that soothing measures, as cold-water dressings, are employed afterward.

When the tendency to slight fissures of the muco-cutaneous fold still remains, we will have great benefit from touching the latter carefully with a stick of pure nitrate of silver, and afterwards packing in a little cotton upon the parts. But I must advise this also with caution, because one of the worst cases of acute eczema of the scrotum and anus which I ever had under my care, and which had confined a gentleman to bed for several weeks, was started up by having an old eczema of the anus thus touched with lunar-caustic by a gentleman of great eminence in the profession; in a case of my own also there was very considerable inflammation excited by a similar application made by myself, but it passed off in a day or two, and with great subsequent benefit to the parts.

Time does not permit me to go into the subject more fully, though there is very much more which might be said. Eczema about the female genitals presents some features still different from those mentioned, and often proves very rebellious, but is in the main entirely amenable to very carefully directed treatment on the plan of that here detailed, and that in a reasonably short time. When considering the matter of diagnosis, mention was made of the frequent occurrence of a vegetable parasitic eruption about the genital region, the eczema marginatum of former writers, and of the liability of confounding it with eczema of these parts. The rather sharply-defined border of the eruption and the tendency to clear in the centre are points which will first attract attention to this tinea or ringworm of this region, and frequently, though