

nitrogen, to compress the lung). This applies, however, only to early cases of tuberculosis, where there are no adhesions. In severe cases, vesicectomy, infusion, or heart stimulants may be required.—*Muench med. Woch.*

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### Treatment of Ringworm

The several antiseptics advocated for outward application in cases of ringworm are far from satisfactory, the prolonged duration of the disease proving their inefficiency. In dealing with the numerous cases of pediculosis in fever wards, E. Lynn Jenkins reports that he and his associates always employ the essential oil of sassafras, which, without exception, they find acts as a specific in such cases.

When both pediculosis and ringworm occurred in the same scalp, it was noticed that the latter disease also reacted favorably to this preparation.

This led them to test the possible usefulness of the oil for ordinary cases of ringworm, and so far the results have been most happy. The hair is cut closely around in order to identify the patches, the application of the oil being made twice a day by means of a camel-hair brush. This is continued for a few weeks, as the case indicates. No irritation is produced, while the preparation is most pleasant to use. Not only is the spread of the infection prevented, but that the fungus is being destroyed with certainty is recognized in two or three weeks, by commencing development of fine hairs.—*British Med. Jour.*

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### Gastric Pain

Leven (*La Clinique*) points out that pain in the region of the stomach may be of two kinds, solar and visceral, and he emphasizes the necessity of distinguishing between them, in the interests of diagnosis, prognosis and treatment. Solar pain is due to hyperæsthesia of the solar plexus, and is characterized by attacks varying in intensity and frequency, but always situated in the middle line between the xiphoid cartilage and the umbilicus. If the pain is dependent on pressure, the skin should be raised and pinched so as to distinguish between cutaneous hyperæsthesia and true solar pain. When this pain exists by itself, simple dyspepsia may safely be diagnosed, unaccom-