

water; after which the parts are to be thoroughly dried and then smeared with one of the varnishes or jellies to which some appropriate drug has been added. A little powder over all will do away with the shine of the varnish or jelly and improve the general appearance.

*Eczema of the adult genitals.*—This is a common and most distressing variety of the disease. It may involve the scrotum only in the male and the vulva in the female. Usually the parts are reddened, infiltrated, excoriated, moist and intolerably itchy, but sometimes they are only erythematous, dry and scaly. The process is usually subacute or chronic; when acute, ointments are to be avoided, as they seldom do any good.

In the acute form any of the following may be used: Calamine liniment, calamine lotion, lactate of lead, *i.e.*, lig. pb. subacet. ʒi to ʒiii of sweet milk, or a lotion such as Duhring's:—Bismuth carb., amylum, glycerinum, aa ʒss, aq. lauro-cerasi ʒiv.

In the subacute and chronic forms, control the itching, and stimulate and remove the infiltration.

1. To control the itching. 1—3 per cent. nitrate of silver in spirit of nitrous æther painted over the diseased surface, beginning with the lower strength. Cloths wrung out of boiling water and applied as hot as can be borne for a few minutes, the part is then to be rapidly dried and the ointment selected put on. Best of all is Crocker's plan of applying a mustard leaf over the lumbar enlargement of the spinal cord.

2. To remove the infiltration and thickening, tars, salicylic acid or the two combined. Mercurials, such as the white precipitate, or the oleate combined with morphia—1 gr. of the latter to ʒi of the former. Jackson's method of sweating may be used in dealing with the scrotum, *i.e.*, enveloping the part in sheet rubber and supporting it with a suspensory bandage, or, another way is to line a suspensory with gutta-percha tissue, inside of which is the selected ointment spread on lint or canton flannel. These ointments may also control the itching.

*Eczema ani.*—The anus may alone be attacked; usually, however, the disease is present nearby. The itching here is very great, and stronger applications can be used than on the genitals. Hot water applied as before described is peculiarly grateful. Any of the stimulant and anti-pruritic ointments mentioned above may be used, the strengths being slightly increased. Duhring uses the following as a sort of routine treatment: Sulph. precip. gr. xv, naphthol gr. xx, morph. acetat. gr. ii, zinci carb. ʒi, ungt. aq. rosæ ad ʒi.