

*Pityriasis Rosea*—Unwashed flannels may cause it. According to Hutchinson, the irritation of a new woollen vest may bring out on the trunk in a syphilitic subject an eruption. A non-specific eruption resembling syphilis may be set up from like cause (vest-rashes).

Seeing how seriously the clothing may damage the skin, it behooves one to look well to and guard against its deleterious influence.

*Rules as to Clothing in Skin Diseases.*—It is the inside rather than the outside clothing that mostly affects the skin. If the disease be chronic and indolent, flannel shirts and drawers may be worn next the skin. If irritable and inflammatory, soft and frequently washed old cotton (an old night-shirt or old cotton drawers). In acute and subacute eczema the bedclothes should be as light as possible. The clothing should never be rough enough to irritate the skin; free from all poisonous dyes; properly washed and frequently changed. All restriction and constriction must be avoided. All woollen clothes should be discarded and removed from the room so that the conidia or spores may not become entangled in their fibres and aid in spreading the disease in tinea tonsurans. All flannels avoided in tinea versicolor, pruritus, seborrhœa corporis, and silk worn next the skin. In pruritus digitorum pedis, stockings changed often; shoes and boots broad and easy. Erythema pernio, underclothing woollen and warm; stockings and gloves of same material; wear cork soles inside boots to prevent chills. In miliaria, sudamina, urticaria, hyperidrosis, clothing light. Erythema multiforme, silk or softest linen worn next the skin. Top boots not worn in an eczema, they heat the leg; masks, rubber gloves, bandages, etc., protect from scratching, and from other injurious influences, water, dusts, etc. Dr. Bulkley recommends, in an acute eczema of arm, that a vaccinator shield be applied to protect it from the clothes. And I venture to suggest, as a means of preventing the weight, heat and irritation of the bedclothes in a patient confined to bed with an eczema or any inflammatory skin disease, elevation of the bedclothes with wooden or iron sticks bent in the form of a bow across the bed and held together