

Book Reviews.

Cutaneous Medicine. A systematic treatise on diseases of the skin by Louis A. Duhring, M. D., Professor of Diseases of the Skin in the University of Pennsylvania, Author of Practical Treatise on Diseases of the Skin, etc. Illustrated. J. B. Lippencott Company.

Volume 1 of this valuable work met with a favorable reception from the profession at large and part second cannot fail in increasing the favor already shown this new work on disease manifestations peculiar to the skin. The description of these various lesions, combined with the illustrations, are all that could be desired, every variety being illustrated by full page half tone engravings from photographs that almost make the text superfluous. In speaking of the etiology of eczema the author says:

"It attacks people in all spheres, the rich as well as the poor, and may appear at any period of life from infancy to old age. In some cases it is hereditary, the term being used to indicate that a predisposition to its development is handed down from parent to child. All temperaments do not seem to be equally liable to the disease, for individuals with light hair and florid complexion suffer more frequently than those with dark hair and dark skin. There are, moreover, persons so peculiarly constituted that their skin is ever ready to manifest signs of eczema upon the slightest provocation. With reference to the effects of suppression, the consequences resulting from suppression of eczema and from metastasis have long been the theme of discussion, pro and con, among scientific observers." * * The French dermatologist, Kaver says: "That it is dangerous to cure eczema too rapidly in the case of infants and old persons. In a period of two years he has seen the rapid cure of eczema by mild application of the *oil of cade* followed by very grave consequences. One died in convulsions, another broncho pneumonia, the third was attacked by a dangerous form of enteritis."

The author relates a case in his own practice in which he says:

"The disease was a persistent virulent pustular eczema, occurring in a nun aged 18, otherwise in average health. The virulence of the pustulation and its extraordinary persistence struck me as being remarkable. The case was under observation for several months and resisted all treatment with singular obstinacy, no remedies used reduced the pustulation which undermined the entire scalp. She was confined to the room, but nevertheless contracted ominous pneumonia with oedema and died in a few days, the eczema having rapidly disappeared with the advent of the pneumonia."

It is singular that these careful observers cannot recognize and appreciate the significance of this experience and refrain from their universal application of ointments and lotions. Their persistence in this treatment can only be accounted for by the fact that the victims of this pernicious treatment pass into the hands of the general practitioner or some other specialist instead of returning to the dermatologist, because the disease on the skin has been so effectually suppressed that it fastened itself upon some other portion of the body and there completes the work of destruction begun by the dermatologist.

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REPERTORY OF NEWER REMEDIES—NERVOUS SYSTEM.

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- APOPLEXY.**—Coma and a. sub-arachnoid, arising from passive congestion, with nervous exhaustion. *Gels.*
- ASPHYXIA.**—Hysterical epilepsy, after suppressed menses, lasting an hour or two; so severe was the spasm of the glottis that a. seemed inevitable. *Gels.*
- BURNING.**—Prickling numb sensations in the extremities, with h. and prickling of left side of face and head. *Bapt.*
- CEREBRO-SPINAL.**—Meningitis.—C., ushered in by a severe chill, accompanied by evident congestion of the spine and brain, etc. *Gels.*
- CHILLS.**—Nervous c., in which, with shivering and chattering of the teeth, there is no sensation of chilliness. *Gels.*
- CHOREA.**—C., of a purely nervous origin. *Scutell.*
C. in a boy of fourteen. *Calab. bean.*
C. in a girl of twenty. *Calab. bean.*
C. of the right side; the tongue seemed too large. *Calab. bean.*
- CONGESTION.**—Cerebral congestion. *Hydrob. ac.*
- COMA.**—Coma and apoplexy, sub-arachnoid, arising from passive congestion, with nervous exhaustion. *Gels.*
- CONTORTIONS.**—Spasmodic contortions of the extremities. *Solan.*
- CONTRACTIONS.**—C. of the flexor tendons as though they would hop about. *Solan.*
- CONVULSIONS.**—Epileptiform c. *Calab. bean.*
Puerperal c. in the last stages of labor. *Chlor. hydr.*
C. and spasms; they stretch their hands during the spasms, as if they would grasp something. After this the hands are carried to the mouth, and they chew and swallow. *Solan.*
C., with moaning and coma. *Solan.*

Convulsions. *Thasp.*

Tetanic c. afflicting mainly the muscles of the trunk, with predominant opisthotonos. *Passiflora.*

Violent tetanus, in opisthotonos, trismus, and c., in a chill. *Passiflora.*

CRAMPS.—C. in the calves. *Solan.*

DISSIPATION.—Hysterical erethism of nervous woman, who suffer from the effects of social d. *Hydrob. ac.*

DRAWING.—D. in the fingers. *Solan.*

EPILEPSY.—*Thasp., Gels.*

Hysterical e., after suppressed menses, lasting an hour or two; so severe was the spasm of the glottis that asphyxia seemed inevitable. *Gels.*

E., preceded by dull feeling in the head and vertex, and some pain and fullness in the region of medulla oblongata. *Gels.*

ERETHISM.—Hysterical erethism of nervous women, who suffer from the effects of social dissipation. *Hydrob. ac.*

FRETFULNESS.—Nervous f. of children, when teething or from heat, even when feverish, when *Aco.* and *Coff.* are not efficient. *Hydrob. ac.*

GRASP.—Convulsions and spasms; they stretch their hands during the spasms, as if they would g. something. After this the hands are carried to the mouth, and they chew and swallow. *Solan.*

HYSTERICAL.—H. erethism of nervous women, who suffer from the effects of social dissipation. *Hydrob. ac.*

Hysteria and h. spasmodic affections. *Scutell.*

H. epilepsy, after suppressed menses, lasting an hour or two; so severe was the spasm of the glottis that asphyxia seemed inevitable. *Gels.*

INTOLERANCE.—I. of pressure on any part of the body—it causes soreness. *Bapt.*

INVERSION.—I. of the feet. *Solan.*

IRRITABLE.—Nervous i., with prostration of the whole system. *Iris v.*

IRRITATION.—Spasms and nervous i. in teething children, or when the nervous system is irritated from disordered bowels. *Scutell.*

Reflex nervous i. from uterine ovarian disease. *Scutell.*

Sleeplessness from mental or emotional i. *Hydrob. ac.*

Cerebral i. from overwork and business worry. *Hydrob. ac.*

JACTITATIONS.—Nervous j. and tremors (in typhoid fevers). *Scutell.*

LARGE.—The hands felt l., and were tremulous, with a peculiar thrilling sensation through both hands and feet, somewhat like going to sleep—a want of circulation. *Bapt.*

Chorea of the right side; the tongue seemed too large. *Calab. bean.*

LARYNGISMUS STRIDULUS.—*Gels.*

MANIA.—Neuralgia; sleeplessness, with great restlessness and suicidal mania. *Passiflora.*

MENINGITIS.—Uncontrollable sleeplessness from pain in the head in children with m. *Valer. of Zinc.*

MUSCULAR.—Progressive m. wasting. *Calab. bean.*

NERVOUS.—N. fretfulness of children, when teething or from heat, even when feverish, when *Aco.* and *Coff.* are not efficient. *Hydrob. ac.*

N. chills, in which, with shivering and chattering of the teeth, there is no sensation of chilliness. *Gels.*

N., irritable, with prostration of the whole system. *Iris v.*

N. jactitations and tremors (in typhoid fever). *Scutell.*

Spasms and n. irritation in teething children, or when the nervous system is irritated from disordered bowels. *Scutell.*

Reflex n. irritation from uterine ovarian disease. *Scutell.*

NERVOUSNESS.—N. from reflex irritation. *Hydrob. ac.*

NEURALGIA.—Neuralgia, pain excessive in inferior maxillary and left temple. *Valer. of Zinc.*

N. of the ovaries. *Valer. of Zinc.*

Sciatic n., with great nervous erythema. *Valer. of Zinc.*

Spinal n. *Valer. of Zinc.*

N., sleeplessness, with great restlessness and suicidal mania. *Passiflora.*

N.; absence of organic lesion, with indistinct or double periodicity. *Gels.*

NUMB.—N. sensations all over the body. *Bapt.*

The left hand and arm entirely numb and powerless. *Bapt.*

Prickling numb sensations in the extremities, with burning and prickling of left side of face and head. *Bapt.*

NUMBNESS.—N. and prickling, followed by temporary paralysis of the left side of the body. *Bapt.*

OPISTHOTONOS.—Tetanic convulsions affecting mainly the muscles of the trunk, with predominant o. *Passiflora.*

Violent tetanus, with o., trismus, and convulsions, in a child. *Passiflora.*

OVERWORK.—Cerebral irritation from o. and business worry. *Hydrob. ac.*

PAINS.—The severe pains in neck, spine and elsewhere, in the sequelæ of cerebro-spinal-meningitis. *Valer. of Zinc.*

General uneasiness, with twitching of the muscles, and sticking pains in various parts of the body, occasionally extending up along each side of the forehead. *Scutell.*

Acute, sudden, darting pains, evidently along single nerve branches, in almost any part of the body and limbs, sometimes so sudden and acute as to make me start. *Gels.*

Neuralgic and rheumatic pains. *Chlor. hydr.*

PARALYSIS.—Sensation of p. of the eyelids. *Bapt.*

Numbness and prickling, followed by temporary p. of the left side of the body. *Bapt.*

General p. of the insane. *Calab. bean.*

POWERLESS.—The left hand and arm entirely numb and p. *Bapt.*

PRESSURE.—Intolerance of p. on any part of the body—it caused soreness. *Bapt.*

PRICKLING.—Numbness and p., followed by temporary paralysis of the left side of the body. *Bapt.*

P. numb sensations in the extremities, with burning and p. of left side of face and head. *Bapt.*

PROGRESSIVE.—P. muscular wasting. *Calab. bean.*

PROSTRATION.—Nervous irritable, with p. of the whole system. *Iris v.*

REFLEX.—R. nervous irritation from uterine ovarian disease. *Scutell.*
Nervousness from reflex irritation. *Hydrob. ac.*

- RESTLESSNESS.**—Great restlessness; violent, convulsive r. *Solan.*
Neuralgia; sleeplessness, with great r. and suicidal mania. *Passiflora.*
- RIGIDITY.**—Tetanic r. of the whole body. *Solan.*
- SLEEPLESSNESS.**—Neuralgia; S., with great restlessness and suicidal mania. *Passiflora.*
Uncontrollable s. from pain in head in children with meningitis. *Valer. of Zinc.*
S. from mental or emotional irritation. *Hydrob. ac.*
- SORENESS.**—Intolerance of pressure on any part of the body—it causes soreness. *Bapt.*
- SPASMS.**—Convulsions and s.; they stretch their hands during the s., as if they would grasp something. After this the hands are carried to the mouth, and they chew and swallow. *Solan.*
S. and nervous irritation in teething children, or when the nervous system is irritated from disordered bowels. *Scutell.*
- SPASMODIC.**—Hysteria and hysterical s. affections. *Scutell.*
- SUNSTROKE.**—Chronic symptoms arising from s. *Scutell.*
- TETANUS.**—Violent t., with opisthotonos, trismus and convulsions in a child. *Passiflora.*
Traumatic tetanus. *Calab. bean., Chlor. hydr.*
Tetanus, from various causes, and trismus. *Chlor. hydr.*
- TINGLING.**—T. in the extremities; preceding the convulsions. *Solan.*
- TREMORS.**—Nervous jactitations and t. (in typhoid fever). *Scutell.*
- TREMULOUSNESS.**—T. and twitching of the muscles in various parts of the body. *Scutell.*
- TREMULOUS.**—The hands felt large, and were t., with a peculiar thrilling sensation through both hands and feet, somewhat like going to sleep—a want of circulation. *Bapt.*
- TRISMUS.**—Tetanus, from various causes, and t. *Chlor. hydr.*
Violent tetanus, with opisthotonos, t., and convulsion in a child. *Passiflora.*
- TWITCHING.**—Tremulousness and t. of the muscles in various parts of the body. *Scutell.*
General uneasiness, with t. of the muscles and sticking pains in various parts of the body, occasionally extending up along each side of the forehead. *Scutell.*
- WASTING.**—Progressive muscular w. *Calab. bean.*
- WORRY.**—Cerebral irritation from overwork and business worry. *Hydrob. ac.*

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THIRD DAY. AFTERNOON SESSION, 3:00 P. M.

CLINICAL CASES.

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TUMOR IN THROAT.

Case I. July 3d, 1893. Saw Miss M. H., maiden lady, age about 40. Small, slender, dark complexion. Had suffered most of her life with indigestion. She asked me to examine some thing in her throat, which was easy to do. Just behind the right tonsil was the base of a peduncle, which suspended a neat round tumor as large as a cherry, the same color of the other mucous membrane. I was much tempted to cut the stem and save the specimen, but investigated symptoms, viz: Perspires very easily about the head, often at night. Cold feet as if damp stockings. Constipated stools; large at first, latter ends tapers down, putrid smell, light color, hard to pass. Sweaty hands. A great deal of itching. Too clear a case to spoil by cutting. *Cal. car^{cm}* and *S. L.* Tumor gone in 30 days. Excellent health ever since. gained flesh. I learned since that she had taken lime water in milk for indigestion and sour stomach for many years.

ECZEMA-GRAPH.

Case II. August 16, 1895. Called to see Willie, the 7 year old son of my laundry woman; color pure black. His head was a solid crust of scab and hair; watery pus dripping from under the crust or cap, for it was all over his head, a hard scab with pus underneath. A fair appetite. Bowels variable, often hard balls, at other times formed lumps with muddy, pasty, sticky fæces all mixed together. Much itching. Same kind of eruption about the elbows. *Graph^{cm}*, *S. L.*

Sept. 8. Great improvement; bowels natural; but for a few days the suppuration or discharge worse. *Graph^{cm}*, *S. L.*