

care in a large institution in this city; the earlier cases were treated some with *Tart. em.*<sup>3x</sup> and higher, others with *Vaccin.*, and some with *Thuya*; these earlier cases would bear a fair comparison with the usual average of recoveries; out of two hundred and ten cases nineteen died, or nine per cent. The remaining cases, about ninety in number, were treated with *Baptis.* only, 1st dec., one drop dose, every two to four, six or eight hours, according to the severity of the case. These cases were not selected, but comprised every case occurring in one department, irrespective of age or severity. Ages varied from three to eighteen years.

In the cases in which *Baptis.* was used, the result was even beyond my expectation. In several confluent cases, which threatened to prove speedily fatal, the effect of the remedy was very marked, inducing a speedy development of the eruption, with corresponding diminution of the constitutional disturbance. Nor was this all, the appetite improved, the patients were able to, and did take abundant nourishment, and continued to do this throughout the attack. In many of these the secondary fever was entirely absent; in other cases the disease appeared to be suddenly arrested, but in all the effect was very speedy in improving the general symptoms. In these that were thus cut short the vesicles seemed to dry up instead of becoming pustular, and there was an entire cessation of all symptoms of illness within a few days after taking the *Baptis.* Many of the patients recovered their usual spirits and tone, and the symptoms were so mild as not to prevent them moving about; one can only assume that the *Baptis.* must be credited with the great modification of the disease.

Of those patients who succumbed to the disease in the earlier part of the epidemic, the majority died on or about the sixth day of illness, and this was preceded by flattening of the vesicles and a very feeble circulation, but in those cases treated by *Baptis.* there was no evidence of the failure of vital power. I believe too that the decomposition of the skin and mucous membrane was much prevented by the use of this drug; at any rate the usual offensive effluvium was almost entirely absent.

In three cases hemorrhage took place, and bleeding at the nose, and in two the catamenia appeared out of due time and excessive in quantity; these recovered without an untoward symptom; in the earlier cases when this symptom showed itself, death followed. In some cases that I had under treatment in private

practice, the effect was equally encouraging. (E. Williams, B. J. H., 1873, p. 344.)

## Skin.

**Ephelides**, when they are of a light yellow color, are easily removed by the external application of *Chlorine* in solution, with two parts of distilled water, night and morning, for eight to fourteen days. The brown ephelides required a solution of *chloride of lime*, in the proportion of 1: 10-15-20 of diluted water, applied with a camel-brush to the parts, or the *tincture of sulphur*. (Hirsch, H. Kl., 1873, p. 30; N. A. J. H., v. 22, p. 102.)

For the removal of *warts*, Dr. Hirsch recommends the local application of a saturated solution of *Kali caust.*, and where a whole crop appears in children, the frequent use of a concentrated solution of marine salt will remove them. (N. A. J. H., v. 22, p. 132.)

**Warts**. Very numerous on hands of a girl, æt. 12. *Thuya* topically applied. Cured. (J. C. Burnett, H. W., v. 8, p. 38.)

**Erysipelas**. Disease contracted by a physician while dissecting. Has been sick a week; face swollen, bluish-red, or leaden hue; tongue dry, glossy, tremulous; aggravation from weight of clothes, from noon until midnight. *Laches.*<sup>2o</sup>, dry, every three hours. Relief. (J. Heber Smith, N. E. M. G., March, 1873, p. 116.)

**Herpes and Graphit.** By Dr. Goullon. Herpes may be divided into herpes gastricus, hystericus, plethoricus (from venous stasis), herpes cacoehymicus. To one and all of them *Graphit.* is more or less related. *Graphit.* in its relation to different constitutional anomalies, finds induration in chlorosis, scrofulosis, hydrops, arthritis and rheumatism. (N. A. J. H., v. 22, p. 201.)

**Herpes Zoster.** Two cases. *Rhus tox.*<sup>3o</sup>. Cured. (J. C. Burnett, H. W., v. 8, p. 37.)

**Herpes Circinnatus.** P. J. D., æt. 7, patches on head, forehead, chin and neck. *Tellur.*<sup>6o</sup>. Cured. (A. E. Hawkes, H. W., v. 8, p. 139.)

**Urticaria.** Mrs. B., æt. 62, great restlessness of the extremities; violent itching; sleeplessness; urine scanty, full of sediment, burning in urethra during its passage. *Copai.*<sup>6o</sup> cured her in forty-eight hours.

Miss B., æt. 24, suffered four years ago from urticaria, was treated

by purgatives, and though the rash disappeared in four days, a long train of gastric ailments followed. A new attack, with sleeplessness, anorexia and violent pruritus. *Copaiv.*<sup>6</sup> cured in two days, the rash and the gastric troubles.

M. K., æt. 12. April 14th. Had a severe chill, headache and such malaise that he had to lie down. In the morning flushed face, interspersed with rose spots; urticaria over the whole body, with dry, hot and biting skin (calor mordax), especially disagreeable to the touch. Excessive agitation during the night, great thirst, delirium, intense headache, drowsiness, embarrassed speech, urine scanty, dark-colored and brick-dust sediment. He came from the country, where he was much exposed to the sun. R. *Copaiv.*<sup>6</sup>, a drop in 150 grmm. of distilled water, a tablespoonful every two hours.

April 16th. Patient slept; no delirium, and no severe itching. Pulse under 100; face looks pale and natural; still great thirst. *Copaiv.*<sup>12</sup>, every three hours.

April 17th. Skin had temperature normal; patient wants some food.

M. S., æt. 25, teacher; delicate health and frequently suffering from throat affections, neuralgic toothache, gastralgia, with constipation. All her ailments are more on the right side.

June 27th, 1870. Urticaria, with fever, insomnia and nocturnal agitation; patient wants continually to scratch; great thirst, with a white coated tongue. R. *Crot. tigl.*<sup>50</sup> in water. Rapid amelioration followed, but she kept on suffering from hepatic gastralgia.

July 12th, 1871. A new attack of urticaria, with aggravation of all her former symptoms. *Copaiv.*<sup>12</sup> in water, soon diminished the fever and burning sensation, and the rash disappeared in a few days.

Aug. 11th. Reappearance of the tenacious eruption, but quickly relieved by a few doses of *Copaiv.*<sup>30</sup>. (Weil, translated by S. Lillenthal, H. M., Feb., 1873, p. 328.)

**Eczema Simplex.** *Seventy-five per cent.* of all the cases of eczema simplex in the Half-orphan Asylum, have been cured by the internal administration of *Rhus tox.* or *rad.*, from 1st dec. to 30th cent. dilutions. (S. P. Hedges, U. S. M. and S. J., v. 8, p. 441.)

**Eczema, *Rhus vern.*** (Cretin, Bulletin de la Soc. Hom., 1872; J. Pr., 1873, p. 137.)

*Graphit.*<sup>10</sup>. Two doses cured a severe case of *eczema impetiginoides*. It began at first as a moisture behind the left ear, and spread over

the left cheeks and neck. The child moved continually on account of the severe itching. (Hirsch, N. A. J. H., v. 22, p. 242.)

**Eruption of itching pustules**, which cease to itch after scabbing over. Painfully sensitive to touch. Aggravated by washing. *Dulcam.*<sup>20</sup> cured in a few days. (J. Nottingham, N. Y. J. H., June, 1873, p. 162.)

**Eczema Chron.** On the dorsal regions of both forearms and hands, and on the bends of the knees, and calves of the legs, in a young man of twenty years of age. This eruption is composed partly of thick crusts, and partly of a raw surface, with deep rhagades, constantly secreting an eczematous fluid. It is intolerably itching, decidedly worse during the night in the warmth of the bed. Lips chapped, fingers full of rhagades; face pale, bloated, bowels torpid, constipated. All aggravated by damp and wet. Feb. 4th, 1870, 3d trit. of *Graphit.* Feb. 18th, external application of an ointment of *Graphit.* March 4th, *Graphit.*<sup>30</sup>, five glob., every morning. Cured. (H. Goullon, Jr., A. H. Z., v. 86, p. 14.)

**Eczema.** Behind the left ear spreading under allopathic mercurial treatment over the whole left cheek and down the neck; itching, and secreting moisture continually. *Hepar.* did not improve. *Graphit.*<sup>10</sup>, one dose, improved much in six days. Two or three more doses cured in the course of five weeks. (Hirsch, J. Pr., 1873, p. 343.)

**Chronic Eruption.** A little girl, æt. 4, health generally good, during three months has had an eruption over the nates and posterior part of the thighs. No diffused redness, but numerous small brown scabs, with slight moisture. Occasional paroxysms of itching, so troublesome at night as to disturb greatly the rest of parents and child. Some small, red, itching spots had recently appeared on the arms. *Graphit.*<sup>6m</sup>, one dose cured the case in ten days. (H. Ring, M. A., June, 1873, p. 223.)

**Chronic Impetigo Figurata.** A boy was brought to Dr. Lacuzon in the following state: face swollen and covered with a thick crust, formed by a purulo sanguinolent exudation, and of the color of chocolate. Only the eyes, tip of the nose and the lips escaped the affection. Ordered *Dulcam.*<sup>9</sup>, *Lycop.*<sup>15</sup>, *Rhus tox.*<sup>6</sup>, *Hydroc.*<sup>6</sup>, three doses of each according to their order; one dose of eight glob., dissolved in six tablespoonfuls of water, three spoonfuls daily, then three days rest, again a powder dissolved to be taken every two days with the same intervals. Between the

remedies an interval of five days. Two such courses cured the patient. (N. A. J. H., v. 22, p. 79.)

**Furunculi.** *Arct. lap.* Burdock has a great reputation with many who have tried it empirically, as a remedy for boils. It is taken in the form of an infusion. (H. V. Miller, H. M., Feb., 1873, p. 344.)

**Malignant Pustule.** By G. W. Peir. Sore on thumb poisoned while skinning a cow dead from murrain. On the dorsal surface there was a purple spot, indurated and containing in its centre a small vesicle filled with a yellowish-green fluid; the hand considerably swollen as high as the wrist, but not discolored. In spite of exstirpation of the diseased part the arm swelled enormously and became almost of a purple hue. *Laches.*<sup>20</sup>, one powder and a poultice of yeast and powdered charcoal dispelled the dark coloration, but the swelling spread over the pectoral region as far as the median line of the sternum with enlargement and tenderness of the axillary glands. *Arsen.*<sup>6</sup> and *Rhus tox.*<sup>3</sup> to be taken in alternation every two hours; gradually brought improvement and finally a cure. (N. A. J. H., v. 22, p. 357.)

**Psoriasis.** M. B., æt. 10, was cured of psoriasis of over a year's standing, in five weeks by *Carb. ac.*<sup>6</sup>, after *Rhus*, *Sulphur*, *Merc. sol.*, *Arsen.* and *Hepar* had been given, without effect. (R. K. Payne, U. S. M. and S. J., v. 8, p. 451.)

**Scaly Tetter**, backs of hands; worse in cold weather. *Sepia*<sup>30</sup>. (W. M. Williamson, Proc. H. M. S., Penna., 1873.)

**Acute Swellings of the Axillary, and Inguinal Glands**, and sometimes of the sub-maxillary glands, which threaten to suppurate. *Ars. jod.* (H. N. Martin, Proc. H. M. S., Penna., 1873.)

**Fatty Tumors.** I have uniformly used *Baryta*<sup>20</sup>, in fatty tumors, and have not yet failed to cure a single case. (T. S. Hoyne, U. S. M. and S. J., v. 8, p. 425.)

**Chronic Ulcer of the Leg.** A case of the above, with sharp stinging pains at night, was cured in three weeks by *Amm. mur.* (M. Preston, M. I., v. 10, p. 145.)

**Indolent Ulcers** upon the tibia, with bloody, ichorous discharge, corrosive burning, reddish-brown appearance far around, *Arsen.* (H. N. Martin, Proc. H. M. S., Penna., 1873.)

**Indolent Ulcer.** Mrs. B., æt. 65. Ulcer of four years standing, on inside of left leg. Its larger diameter was four inches; edges irregular, elevated and quite irritable; about half an inch deep in

the centre and discharging an ichorous pus. The limb was swollen to the knee, discolored and painful.

She suffered much from heat and an almost intolerable itching, so much so as to frequently deprive her of sleep.

Two years before had used *Sulphur*<sup>20</sup>, *Silic.*<sup>20</sup>, *Arsen.*<sup>20</sup>, *Calc. carb.*<sup>20</sup>, etc., internally, without benefit. Cleansed ulcer with warm water and castile soap, dried it carefully, with a camel's hair brush painted it with *muriated tincture of iron*. Put a soft compress on ulcer, and tightly bandaged the limb from the toes to the knee, repeating dressing every twenty-four hours. The ulcer healed slowly. Cured. (Palmer, H. M., Dec., 1873, p. 198.)

**Chronic Indolent Ulcers of the Legs**, flat with purple skin; many small sores around the main ulcer which has an uneven bottom, burning and bleeding, even when lightly touched. Ichorous offensive discharge. *Laches.* effectual in two cases. (J. Heber Smith, N. E. M. G., July, 1873, p. 313.)

*Laches.* cured an indolent ulcer, with a *blue color*. (Gwynn, H. M., Dec., 1873, p. 199.)

**Leprosy in Sandwich Islands.** Extracts from an article in *Boston Medical and Surgical Reporter*, by S. Kneeland. (Quoted by B. W. James, H. M., May, 1873, p. 492.)

**Leprosy.** Native woman, æt. 40, pronounced leprous by government physician two years ago; has had an eruption which has disappeared; the skin very dry; painless ulceration of toes; purulent discharge from ears; the eyeballs protrude as if pressed outward by a foreign growth; loss of eyelashes; menstruation absent three years; loss of sensation in thighs. Dec. 20th, *Ars. jod.*<sup>2</sup>; Dec. 28th, *Ars. jod.*<sup>30</sup>. Jan. 6th, anxiety at night, emaciation, sweats; eruption on lips, like herpes; the skin is thin and bleeds from a slight injury; she is sleepy, vomits; more sensation in thighs. *Natr. carb.*<sup>20</sup>, three times dry. Jan. 23d, *Lycop.*<sup>20</sup>, dry; Jan. 30th, *Natr. carb.*<sup>20</sup>, dry; much better in March.

Native woman; sensation absent in left arm; toes fall off; left side of pharynx sore, with suppurating ulcers; menstruation alternately profuse and absent. Oct. 3d, *Laches.*<sup>20</sup> sol.; sensation returned, and other symptoms were much relieved. Dec. 20th. Reports of late some loss of sensation. *Laches.*<sup>20</sup>, dry.

Native man, æt. 18; little sensation in feet, left knee, left thigh; pain in left ear and throat, left side of throat sensitive externally; no sleep, fever at night; dry cough; skin dry, except at night, when he has hot sweat; itching abdomen. Sept. 4th, *Natr. carb.*<sup>20</sup>; Sept.,

*Laches.*<sup>20</sup>; Oct. 10th, *Laches.*<sup>80</sup>; Nov. 5th, in good flesh; sensation restored; throat sometimes sore.

Native man, æt. 65; fine papular eruption between shoulder-blades; on chest pink blotches with natural centre; tumor or enlarged gland on neck; nasal passages obstructed with offensive mucus; pains in lumbar region, legs and head; has taken mercury. *Ars. jod.*<sup>2</sup>, *Kali jod.*<sup>2</sup>, *Carb. veg.*<sup>30</sup>, *China tinct.*, from March 8th to April 1st. May 3d, eruption better. Pain chiefly in nose and head; coryza offensive, but small quantity. *Aurum*<sup>6</sup>. May 23d, pain in hands. *Calc. carb.*<sup>20</sup>. Jan., seemed well.

In other cases. Useful: *Ars. alb.*<sup>3</sup> and 30th, *Ars. jod.*<sup>2</sup>, *Hydroc.*<sup>1</sup>, 5th, 6th, *Pulsat.*<sup>3</sup> and 30th.

Useless: *Alum.*, *Ars. alb.*<sup>3</sup> and 30th, *Ars. jod.*<sup>2</sup>, *Caustic.*<sup>30</sup>, *Mercur.*<sup>1</sup>, *Merc. prot.*<sup>2</sup>, *Silic.*<sup>5</sup>, *Sulphur*<sup>5</sup> and 200th. (C. F. Nichols, N. E. M. G., April, 1873, p. 152.)

**Burns.** *Carb. ac.* in oil, externally. (G. Oehme, A. H. Z., v. 87, p. 133; H. M., Sept., 1873, p. 79.)

**Carb. ac. in Burns.** It prevents by its antiseptic properties the transformation of lymph into pus, and as a consequence also its further effects, secondary fever, headache, drowsiness, etc., and by its paralyzing influence on the ends of the nerves; it deadens all the itching, burning and other painful sensations in the skin. Dr. Oehme uses for that purpose one part of *Carb. ac.* (crystals) to twenty parts of sweet oil, applied as needed every two to four hours. He advises to put the injured part immediately in cold water and let it remain till the patient had recovered from the first shock, remove then (under water) all blistered skin with scissors, apply the carbolized oil and renew the application as often as the pains return. All dried lymph and scabs should be removed and not allowed to accumulate. (We prefer to put the injured part in hot water, and follow hereby Hebra's advice. S. L.) (N. A. J. H., v. 21, p. 415.)

**Scald.** From hot tea; head, face and neck of a child. *Arsen.*; externally, *Cosmol.* Relief. (J. K. Warren, N. E. M. G., June, 1873, p. 260.)

**Fetid Perspiration.** *Lycop.*<sup>30</sup> to 200th, has been most serviceable in the treatment of fetid perspiration in the axillæ and of the feet, accompanied with burning in the soles, in women suffering from chronic endo-metritis and disordered vaginal discharges.

In fetid perspiration of the feet in men of a rheumatic tendency, much exposed to the weather, and devoted to hard manual labor,

*Rhus tox.* possesses a range of remedial virtues not excelled by any in the homœopathic materia medica.

In perspiration of the hands and feet, disconnected from odors of a morbid character, which afflict womankind so largely, *Sepia* is frequently of great service.

The sweat of *Conium* is frequently acrid and irritating to the skin, as well as having a strong fetid scent. Moreover, the peculiar odor is sometimes present without sensible perspiration, and has been known to yield wholly or in part to the employment of this drug.

*Dulcam.*<sup>6</sup> may be used with advantage when the fetid perspiration is associated with obvious disease of the skin of an herpetic nature. A leading symptom for its use is the aggravation of the skin affection by the application of water.

*Graphit.* should be considered in this connection.

*Staphis.* may be used in cases of offensive, strong-smelling perspiration in women afflicted with a yellowish excoriating leucorrhœa, with a predisposition to *cellular polypi* of the womb.

*Nitr. ac.* in appreciable doses, is of great benefit in foul-smelling perspiration of the feet, in both sexes, when there is an impoverished state of the blood, with weakness of the vital powers. (D. A. Gorton, U. S. M. and S. J., v. 9, p. 13.)