

and to that end avail ourselves of the resources of modern science.

It has long been known, though not so widely as it ought to be, that carbolic acid has a specific effect in eczema, and we may employ it in three different media dissolved in oil or glycerine, or prepared with the finest white vaseline. I first used the Glycerin-Acid. Carbolic B.P., as I had no other preparation at hand; and in this wise. I just moistened the tip of a feather in the lotion and drew it *once* over each spot I could find—this application, light as it was, occasioned a little temporary pain; the next day I repeated the treatment, on the third the places were “dying down,” the vesicles were destroyed, and their power of mischief gone—so much for the pustules—with respect to the “tettors,” we shall have to do more than paint them over, and *round* the edges of the scab with the lotion, as we want to soften and clean off that disfiguring mark. And for this purpose I consider glycerine our best solvent. A piece of soft rag or lint must be soaked in glycerine and applied to the surfaces, and if the disease attacks the chin, face, or ears, kept on with a triangular bandage; the glycerine must be applied night and morning. I sometimes use a camel hair brush to rub it into the scabs as it were, as well as lint or rags—in a few days the skin is cleared of them, and a dressing or two of white vaseline completes the healing process. And here I must remind my young Nursing readers that soap (of any sort) and water must *not* be used to clean off the “tettors”; nor is water suitable to eczema at any stage of the eruption. I have witnessed much misery thoughtlessly inflicted upon little ones (and I must emphasise that my remarks about eczema only apply to infants considerably under two years of age. Many have an idea that as the disease is *due* (?) to want of cleanliness (it is undoubtedly aggravated by it) there is nothing like “lather” to deal with it, and in spite of bleedings and infantine tears, the “treatment” is often persisted in. There is yet another and more deplorable fallacy prevalent amongst mothers—that the disease can only be got out of the blood by remorseless “drenching” to clear it out, and reckless and ignorant medication results in such drastic remedies (?) as jalap, senna, flower of sulphur, *plus* treacle, and tartar emetic being popular favorites; and there is one point about *all* these remedies I have ever observed, that although they have a most disastrous effect upon the little sufferers they have *none at all* upon the eczema—that goes on to the ‘Orsepital!

(To be continued.)

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THE QUEEN is evincing the greatest interest in the action, which is being taken by the Local Government Board, and other authorities,



for the prevention of the spread of Cholera, and in the organization for the relief of sufferers who may be attacked by this terrible disease.

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MANY Nurses will respond, I feel sure, to the womanly appeal made to them by Princess CHRISTIAN which will be found in our correspondence column this week. And should Cholera become epidemic, either this or next year, I do not doubt that “the trained Nurses of England” will be found ready for the responsible duties which will fall to their lot.

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MISS HENRIETTA KENEALY and her sister Miss ANNESLEY KENEALY, both of whom were trained at St. Bartholomew's and are Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, have volunteered for foreign service. They telegraphed on the 1st instant to the Medical Officer in charge of the Eppendorf Hospital, in Hamburg, offering help where, from the accounts in the papers, it seemed most needed. In a few hours they received an answer “If you speak German you will be magnificently welcome,” so they left immediately for the seat of war. This specimen of British pluck is commendable, although not surprising,—and the sisters will be cheered in the work they have undertaken by the knowledge that their efforts will be watched with sympathy and admiration by the colleagues they have left at home.

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THERE doubtless was quite a flutter amongst the Cholera *bacilli* on Thursday last, when it became known amongst them that the R. B. N. A. was going to meet and proclaim war to the death against them; and well might they tremble, for a more enthusiastic and formidable array of Nurses has seldom congregated in one place. Early in the week, it became known that the President, Princess CHRISTIAN, although away in Germany for well deserved rest, was anxious to take an active part in organising the trained Nurses of this country in

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