

THE TREATMENT OF PSORIASIS WITH APPLICATIONS OF HYDROXYLAMINUM MURIATE.

FABRY reports (*Archiv für Dermatologie und Syphilis*, H. 2, 1889) his experience with the hydroxylaminum in the treatment of this disease. The twenty-four cases on which the observations were made occurred in the service of Dr. Doutrelepon, of Bonn. The external use of the drug is here referred to, as its internal use has been found to have a paralyzing effect upon the nerve centres. Even its local application needs medical supervision. The remedy was applied either in alcoholic or aqueous solution, after neutralization with calcium carbonate. The strength employed varied from 1:1000 to 1:200. It is painted on the patches twice daily, and a cloth may be wetted with it and applied to suitable parts. Albumin may be occasionally found in the urine of patients so treated. Its advantages over chrysarobin and pyrogallie acid are cheapness, absence of staining, and the comparative infrequency of any irritating effect.

THE REMOVAL OF TATTOO MARKS.

In his letter to the *Journal of Cutaneous and Genito-urinary Diseases*, March, 1889, BROcq refers to the plan of treatment practised by Variot for the removal of tattoo marks. The method consists in freely painting the part with a strong tannin solution and then immediately pricking the skin with a bunch of needles in order that the tannin may penetrate deeply. The operated surface is then rubbed vigorously with nitrate of silver. The pricked points in the course of a few moments become black, and the surface is then wiped off. Varying degrees of inflammation ensue, with more or less pain on motion. In about two weeks the eschar becomes spontaneously detached, beneath which is seen a red cicatrix. In due time the redness disappears.

The statement of Dupuy that the natives of the Indian Archipelago remove tattoo marks, without leaving a scar, by making tattooings with the juice of the carica papaya, is also quoted.

OBSTETRICS.

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DIAGNOSTIC POINTS OF VALUE IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF PREGNANCY.

LÖHLEIN (*Deutsche med. Wochenschrift*, No. 25, 1889) regards Hegar's sign, softening of the lower uterine segment, as a most valuable sign of early pregnancy. He has found the elastic, cystic feeling given by the body of the