

# QUERIES.

## PRURITIS VULVÆ.

C. R. C. asks for suggestions as to the best treatment for pruritis vulvæ. The patient is 46 years of age, and has suffered for several years; most troublesome at night, and especially during menstruation. At first one side was affected, now the other, and is accompanied by twitchings of the thigh. She has tried argent. nit., borax, and boracic acid, etc., but with little benefit.

## CHORDEE.

SURGEON C. would be glad of suggestions as to cause and treatment of the following case which has come under his notice: The patient, a married gentleman, aged 60, suffers from chordee at periods of erection of the penis, the organ being then bent back upon its dorsal surface towards the abdomen, causing pain and inconvenience. No venereal disease is or has been present, nor indications of peripheral irritation of any kind.

## HUELVA.

CARVER asks for information about Huelva (Spain). A phthisical patient contemplates spending the winter there. Is there a good hotel with perfect sanitary arrangements and superior cuisine?

## THERMOMETERS.

PYREXIA writes: I should feel obliged to any member of the Association who could tell me where to obtain the following information: (1) The origin and subsequent history of the clinical thermometer and its varieties. (2) Any experiences they may have had with the thermo-electric apparatus as applied to the taking of temperatures.

## FOREIGN INSTITUTION FOR THE TREATMENT OF THE OPIUM HABIT.

A MEMBER writes: I am desirous of finding some institute on the Continent for the cure of opium addiction. The climate should be warm. My patient has been rapidly improving, having dropped from 3i to 3iii daily to mxx, and sometimes even less; but there is still great muscular and nervous debility, the slightest change of weather causing extreme depression, rheumatism, neuralgia, and other troubles. A warm climate for a few months under proper treatment will, I think, effect a speedy cure.

# ANSWERS.

DR. R. L. PEART.—We have no information.

## TREATMENT OF SEBORRŒA CAPITIS.

DR. LESLIE PHILLIPS (Birmingham) writes: This disease is due to the development of a fungus consisting entirely of spores, which is allied to the pelada fungus. It attacks the epithelial cells of the scalp, causing the desquamation, and interferes with the nutrition of the hair by obstructing that part of the hair follicle which underlies the sebaceous glands. Successful treatment must recognise the parasitic nature of the disease. Wetting the head favours the development of the fungus. The combs and brushes must be washed in potash or ammonia to prevent re-infection, and great perseverance is required in treatment.

The following pomade is recommended: Turbith mineral (tri-mercuric sulphate) and lard, in the proportion of 1 in 15, applied every eight or fifteen days. If this does not succeed, I would suggest a trial of ung. potassæ sulphurate. The following will be found a good palliative treatment: Rub the scalp occasionally with linimentum saponis co., wash, dry, and afterwards rub in unguentum plumbi acetatis.

DR. C. R. ILLINGWORTH (Clayton-le-Moors) writes that he has effected a cure in two cases of the disease with unguent. hydrarg. oleat., 10 per cent.

DR. J. O'CONNOR (Manchester) writes: Let "A Member" try equal parts of lanolin and vaseline applied three times a week to the scalp, and use as little water to the head as possible.

## INSTITUTIONS FOR THE BLIND.

M.D. EDIX. will probably obtain information as to an institution in which a blind boy could be placed, and probably also most valuable assistance, by writing to S. S. Forster, Esq., Blind College, Powyke, near Worcester.

## "TENNIS LEG."

DR. C. R. ILLINGWORTH (Clayton-le-Moors) writes: I find that the remedy for this painful affection is acupuncture. The exact site of the pain having been accurately determined, I pass a stout, sharp needle down into the substance of the affected muscle—avoiding superficial veins, of course—and the relief experienced is immediate and permanent.

## "PORT-WINE" STAINS.

DR. GEORGE CRICHTON (Twickenham) writes: "R. P. J." should use sodium ethylate, applying it with a glass rod. It requires no anæsthetic; the pain may be moderated by the application of chloric ether—which likewise checks the action of the caustic. The result is a black eschar for a few days, but afterwards no mark is perceptible.

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