

Uterine Ulceration.

IN the treatment of diseases of women, there is often found to exist a condition of the cervix, which was long regarded as ulceration, and was attacked by heroic remedies, such as leeches, cauterants, etc., only to prolong and make more difficult the case, while, by the nervousness and anxiety caused by the oft-repeated announcement, "No better," the general health of the patient suffered and the ensuing debility was like adding fuel to the flame; the drain upon the physical system, added to the strain on the nervous system, produced after a time a physical wreck, who, given over by her physician, or losing confidence because of the prolonged failure to find relief, gave up all hope and accepted what seemed the inevitable—the prospect of a life of suffering and weakness.

Now, this condition is usually found among young women and is the frequent result of displacement or obliquity of the uterus, thus seriously interfering with normal free menstruation and causing a state of engorgement or passive congestion of the organ to exist, resulting in the development of erosions of the cervix caused by friction, on account of the abnormality of its position. In child-bearing, there

is often superadded slight lacerations or abrasions, the result of confinement.

In all such cases we can but expect endometritis to result, which may be confined to the cervix, or it may attack the body of the uterus, or both may be involved. Owing to the malposition, the same difficulty exists as to the passage of the discharges consequent upon this endometritis as is found in menstruation, and their retention causes them to become offensive and acrid, and these, flowing over the abrasions and erosions referred to before, cause us often to mistake these troubles thus aggravated, for ulcerations.

Now, the fact of displacement or obliquity proves a weakened condition of the ligaments whose duty it is to preserve the uterus in a normal position, and shows the need of a tonic calculated to build up and strengthen the weakened parts. Besides the weakness of the ligaments referred to, we have resulting irritability of the generative organs leading to prolapsus, miscarriage and other troubles, and these conditions must be met with remedies addressed to the system. It is just here that Aletris Farinosa, or True Unicorn Root, is found to meet the indications for treatment in a most satisfactory manner, sustaining the great reputation in similar cases so long enjoyed by it, and growing stronger day by day in the confidence of the profession, because of the successful results obtained by its intelligent use in their hands.

This success is largely the result of the care used



by us in the preparation of our ALETRIS CORDIAL, and we do not hesitate to assure the profession that perfect uniformity exists in the Cordial as it goes from our hands, no expense being spared to secure this, and the second or third or more in a series, is guaranteed by us to be exactly of the same strength and quality as the first. We have many letters from physicians all over the world attesting its efficacy and reliability in all weaknesses of the generative organs of women, only a few of which follow, for want of space.

But this can be aided by combining with its use, local treatment. In fact, it is apparent to every thoughtful mind that in the relaxed condition of the uterus a local application that shall relieve the congestion, have a mildly astringent effect on the small open vessels from which we often have a sanious discharge, act as an antiseptic correcting the acridity of the uterine discharges, and have a soothing and healing local effect on the eroded cervix, is important, and success demands its use.

Such an effect can be had and is being had by the profession daily in the use of S. H. KENNEDY'S PINUS CANADENSIS, which is certainly the most reliable vegetable astringent known to-day.

Dr. J. Marion Sims long ago recognized these conditions and their rational treatment, and his ideas as to the efficacy of Pinus Canadensis will stand forth not to be made stronger nor detracted from, and their adoption will repay the physician who is troubled to control and relieve such cases.

When, as is often the case, there is a tumefied condition of the cervix, the combination of glycerine with the *Pinus Canadensis* will be found useful, as it will promote the passage of the watery parts of the blood through the coats of the vessels and the mucous membrane, thus relieving the congested condition, while it acts as a carrier for the *Pinus Canadensis* and insures its passage to the entire endometrium. In such a case there will result a reduction in size, a restoration of tone, healing of the endometrium and erosions, and a discontinuance of the acrid discharges, and, if *Aletris Cordial* has been steadily used as an adjuvant, a general toning up of the entire system.

After a thorough cleansing of the parts with boric water, or, what is better, with water to which Listerine has been added, the vagina should be tamponed well against the cervix with aseptic absorbent cotton well saturated with equal parts of *Pinus Canadensis* and glycerine, and this should be removed from time to time until a patulous condition of the cervix is produced, when the pledgets of cotton with *Pinus Canadensis* alone, or diluted with water, should be continued.

While this is being done, the patient should be put upon the use of *Aletris Cordial* in teaspoonful doses, four times daily, for its tonic effects upon the system, and to strengthen the ligaments involved.

We append a few of the many unsolicited testimonials from physicians in different localities, speaking in the highest terms of both *Aletris Cor-*

dial and *Pinus Canadensis*, as agents in their hands* for the successful treatment of the troubles to which we have referred, and calling attention to the fact that our preparations are offered and recommended alone to the members of the medical profession, and their use made dependent upon physicians. We can only add the guarantee of their strict purity, uniformity and reliability when sent out by us, and ask a full and fair trial at your hands, feeling assured that you will not be disappointed.

I have particular liking for S. H. KENNEDY'S EXTRACT OF *PINUS CANADENSIS*, having used it with much success in treating chronic ulcerations and relaxed conditions of the os and cervix uteri, where there was a disposition to hemorrhagic effusions. I have used it in many such cases with success, but one case, that of a lady about the period of the menopause, who had been suffering with violent hemorrhages, and more or less constant pain in the region of the stomach, for more than a year, and who having been under treatment for a long time with no apparent benefit, I take to be a case in strong proof of the value of *Pinus Canadensis*. This lady, like so many of the sex, objected for weeks to digital or instrumental examination, until I concluded to give the case up, feeling assured that the entire trouble was uterine, and not amenable to anything without direct treatment to the diseased parts, when she submitted, and on examination I

found such extensive foul ulcerations, covering the entire cervix and filling the vaginal cavity, that I decided it to be a case of carcinoma, far advanced, taking the physical condition, constant suffering and general history of the case into consideration. I began local treatment with the ordinary local caustics, astringents and the like, in addition to the best constitutional treatment that I could devise, and kept up the course zealously with little success, often being called to tampon the vagina for days, to save the woman's life, threatened with more and more violent hemorrhages. This continued for several weeks, when finally I tamponed the parts with equal parts of Dark Pinus Canadensis and glycerine, applied on cotton wool, which, as no inconvenience was felt, was allowed to remain for two or three days in place, and now, for the first time, there was some permanent relief to the sense of uneasiness and constant pain so long experienced. This form of local application was first made every two or three days, and the intervals gradually prolonged to a week, then to once in two weeks, the ulceration healing, the hemorrhage abating, and the general condition improving all the while, so that in the course of the succeeding three or four weeks, she was sound and well, and has remained so ever since, the time being now between one and two years, since she left treatment. This cure I have not had duplicated with another of like character, but feel that the cure is due to the direct and continued use of Pinus Canadensis. The glycerine was used as a

vehicle, and no doubt played its part in the cure, but having been used freely before with other medicaments, it can not be said to have been the active agent here.

Quincy, Ill.

VIRGIL McDAVITT, M. D.

When we suspect that a woman is suffering from ulceration of the uterus, we propose an examination and forthwith make it, if permitted. We use one of Stauer's speculums, with hollow bulb conductor, stem and check wheel. These speculums are easily introduced, and when in place, the vaginal portion of the uterus is well exposed and readily examined. If we find an ulcerated os, we make the required local application, through this same speculum, as follows: \mathcal{R} —S. H. KENNEDY'S CONCENTRATED EXTRACT OF PINUS CANADENSIS, one teaspoonful; warm water, one tablespoonful. \mathcal{M} . Saturate a wad of cotton-batting with this solution, and while the speculum is in place, introduce the saturated cotton through it. That the medicated cotton may be placed firmly upon the ulcerated and inflamed os, we put the hollow bulb conductor into the speculum and against the uterus. We now carefully withdraw the instrument, leaving the medicated cotton in place. This application may be repeated daily, and after a few times the patient can introduce the speculum and apply the medicine without assistance. As improvement takes place, the solution can be made weaker. For making such examination and application, no speculums equal these. And for local treatment,

in such cases, nothing equals S. H. KENNEDY'S CONCENTRATED EXTRACT OF PINUS CANADENSIS, either Dark or White. It is astonishing how rapidly vaginal and uterine inflammation subside under this form of treatment. Tender parts grow less sensitive, itching and smarting are relieved, prolapsus disappears in many cases, leucorrhœas are cured, and a general change for the better is enjoyed.

St. Louis, Mo.

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My experience with the use of S. H. KENNEDY'S CONCENTRATED EXTRACT OF PINUS CANADENSIS, for the past three months, in quite a wide range of the numerous diseases affecting the mucous membranes, has been attended with results highly satisfactory. In superficial ulceration of the os uteri, I find in this extract a most valuable remedial agent, when applied in its full strength with a camel's-hair brush, its application being more efficacious and speedy, in restoring the parts to a healthy condition, than has usually attended the use of the ordinary agents formerly employed. In vaginal leucorrhœa, chronic vaginitis and simple erosions of the vaginal mucous membrane, I have used it as a wash or injection, diluted with water to the proper strength, sometimes adding a little glycerine or sulph. zinc. as the case might require—and found the same gratifying results attend its use. I have prescribed it, diluted with water and combined with a little tinct. opij, in several cases of chronic diarrhea

and chronic dysentery, in which it speedily controlled the disease; and I am led to believe that as an astringent in any of the combinations prescribed for the cure of these affections—it is superior. In catarrhal affections of pituitary membrane, I have witnessed excellent effects from its administration, by injection with the nasal syringe. My confidence in it as a remedy possessing valuable astringent and stimulant properties, whose specific action is upon mucous surfaces, is constantly being strengthened, and that it will ultimately become a standard article is my conviction.

Utica, N. Y.

WM. RUSSELL, M. D.

A remedy worthy of study, in my opinion, is S. H. KENNEDY'S CONCENTRATED EXTRACT OF PINUS CANADENSIS. I have used it with very gratifying success in cases of erosion of the cervix uteri consequent upon a prolapse, which caused undue pressure and friction of the cervix against the perineum, and accompanying this as is so frequently the case, a flabby, lax condition of the vaginal walls. Under its influence the tissues become firmer, the mucous membrane less sensitive, and the prolapsus, which is in such cases due chiefly to the laxity of these supports of the uterus, is itself relieved. This result I have secured in several cases, without the least unpleasant effect except, perhaps, the staining of linen, which is liable to occur unless special care is taken. I have

also used it with satisfactory results in some cases of specific gonorrhœal vaginitis, as well as in simple catarrhal inflammation, with profuse leucorrhœa. In all cases I have used this Kennedy's Extract with glycerine in proportions varying from 1-104 to 1-2, saturating a large pledget of absorbent cotton, which is placed behind and under the cervix so as to form a cushion upon which it may rest, thus serving the double purpose of relieving the uterine ligaments and bringing the remedy in direct contact with the membranes where, by absorption, its therapeutic effects are produced.

Boston, Mass.

LESLIE A. PHILLIPS, M. D.

I have been using S. H. KENNEDY'S EXTRACT OF PINUS CANADENSIS for about two years. I am well pleased with it; I find almost a thousand needs for it. I make various dressings for skin and mucous membrane troubles by mixing it with vaseline, glycerine, or olive oil as the case would seem to need. I could not, nor would I, do without it in my practice, so long as I can procure it. I have cured all kinds of vaginal and uterine troubles with PINUS CANADENSIS. I have put it to the test a number of times in curing chronic ulceration of the cervix uteri in two cases where the lips had almost sloughed off, patients afterwards gave birth to healthy children. In gonorrhœa and gleet I use it as an injection, diluted with water; mixed freely with

sulphate of hydrastine it gives me good satisfaction. I generally use it in the following manner:

- R Vaseline 2 ounces.
 S. H. Kennedy's Pinus Canadensis . . 2 drachms.
 M. Sig.: Use on pledget of cotton, morning and night,
 with Sims' speculum.

If much pain exists, I add powdered opium at night. The treatment varies, of course, according to circumstances. For cleansing, I syringe with listerine, boracic acid, tannic acid, sulphate of hydrastine, etc.

Dundee, Ind.

J. D. EBERT, M. D.

I have been prescribing S. H. KENNEDY'S EXTRACT OF PINUS CANADENSIS for some time, and with much satisfaction.

G. F. EDWARDS, M. B.

Church Cottage, Bexley, Kent, England.

I have prescribed S. H. KENNEDY'S EXTRACT OF PINUS CANADENSIS frequently in my practice, and have had great satisfaction with the results obtained.

ROBERT BELL, M. D. Glasg., M.B., F.F.P.S. Glasg., L.R.C.S. Edin.
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S. H. KENNEDY'S EXTRACT OF PINUS CANADENSIS I find very useful in catarrhal affections of the uterine cervix, from the use of which I have obtained very satisfactory results.

A. T. THOMSON, M. D.

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I have been using the preparation of S. H. KENNEDY'S EXTRACT OF PINUS CANADENSIS for some time in cases of erosion and ulceration of the os and cervix uteri. It has so far given the greatest satisfaction, and in one case especially of extensive disease, which resisted every application, immediate improvement commenced on trying S. H. KENNEDY'S EXTRACT OF PINUS CANADENSIS. I apply the preparation undiluted with a Playfair uterine probe. The discharge, which was very fetid, has quite lost its offensive smell.

I consider it a most excellent application and have had much pleasure in recommending it to others.

THOS. J. DOWSE, M. B. T. C. D. and L. R. C. S. I., Assistant Surgeon County Wexford Infirmary, Wexford, Ireland.

I consider S. H. KENNEDY'S EXTRACT OF PINUS CANADENSIS of the greatest use in the cases for which it is recommended. It possesses all the advantages claimed for it, and I find it a valuable agent in general practice.

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I have given S. H. KENNEDY'S EXTRACT OF PINUS CANADENSIS a trial, and have found it beneficial in suitable cases.

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