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(Unless otherwise mentioned, the dates refer to the year 1888).

**Acetanilid.**—Smith (Caldwell): *typhoid*: relieves frontal headache; lowers temp.; dose,  $\frac{1}{2}$  (1 year), 3, 5 grains; often followed by refreshing sleep.—*Glasg. M. J.*, Apl. Sarda: *neuralgia* of long standing, temporary relief.—*Bull. gén. de Thérap.*, May. Moyer: *abortive petit mal*; one case; 5 grs. t.i.d.; good results.—*Arch. Gyn.*, July. Pisemsky: *experimental*; 38 grains daily to dogs, death on 16th to 20th day.—*St. Petersburg Inaug. Dissert.*, '87. Flint: *sciatica*; large doses pushed; sulphur had previously failed.—*M. Rec.*, N. Y., Dec. 1. **McK.&R.** pills 2 and 5 grains.

**Acids.**—Haig: *migraine*:  $\mathbb{M}$  40 to 60 dilute nitro-hydrochloric, or citric acid, taken in 30 minutes; for the paroxysm.—*Brit. M. J.*, Jan. 14.

**Adonidine.**—Oliver: *aortic and mitral regurgitation*: 1-8 to 1-6 grain four times daily.—*Lancet*, Nov. 24.

**Agaricine.**—*Night-sweats*: dose, 1-6 to 1-4 grain. **McK.&R.** granules, 1-6 grain.

**Alanin-Mercury.**—de Lucca: *syphilis*: hypodermic dose grain 1-13th in 16  $\mathbb{M}$  water daily; 40 cases of recent.—*Lancet*, Apl. 28.

**Alkalies.**—Sternberg: *yellow fever*: 150 grains bicarb. soda, 3-10 grain cor. sub., one quart pure water. Dose,  $1\frac{3}{4}$  ozs. every hour, ice cold; 12 successful cases in Havana.—*Therap. Gaz.*, Aug.

**Aloin.**—Clark (Andrew): *constipation*: graduated series of four compound pills for systematic treatment.—*Lancet*, Jan. 1, 1887. **McK.&R.** can supply each of the four formulas, with an abstract of Sir Andrew Clark's article.

**Ammonia.**—Rigby: *cobra bite*:  $\mathbb{M}$  20 internally with  $\mathbb{M}$  15 hypoderm.; recovery.—*Ind. M. Gaz.*

**Amylene Hydrate.**—Scharschmidt: *melancholy, mania, delirium tremens*: sleep in 5 to 60 minutes. Dose.  $\mathbb{M}$  15 to 75.

**Amyl Hydrate.**—Dietz, Gürtler, and Avelli: *hypnotic*: stronger than paraldehyde and weaker than chloral. Dose—given in mixture which should be shaken—6 to 90 grains, medium 30 grains.—*Deut. M. Zeit.*, No. 18.

**Amyl, Tertian Nitrite.**—Bals and Broglio: used as amyl nitrite, but said not to produce palpitation; 60 to 80 drops may be inhaled daily even by patients with weak heart.—*Nouv. Rem.*, June.

**Anthrarobin.**—Behrend: *skin-diseases*: resembles chrysarobin, but is slower and milder; 10% ointment. Weyl: *experimental*: internally to rabbits without special effect; detected in urine. Guttman: *psoriasis*: 6 cases treated with anthrarobin on one side and chrysarobin on the other; all got well, but a. required the most time; no dermatitis or conjunctivitis. Rosenthal: *applied to scalp*: turned the hair a deep red color.—*Viertelj. für Derm. und Syph.*, Heft 1, 4.

**Antifebrin** (see acetanilid).

**Antipyrin.**—*Neuralgia, rheumatism, etc.*: generally as a cure for pain; dose, 2 to 20 grains; contra-indicated in kidney diseases. **McK.&R.** pills, 2, 3, and 5 grains.

**Arsenic.**—Sawyer: *chorea*: must be pushed; girl of 10 years; 5  $\mathbb{M}$  Fowler's solut. thrice daily gradually increased to a quarter grain arsenious acid thrice daily; several cases in adults.—*Birm. M. Rev.*, Jan. Cartaz: *rhinitis* in workers in arsenical products; coryza with deep ulcerations and perforation of septum; treated by change of work, irrigations, bismuth, sulphur baths.—*Brit. M. J.*, March 31. **McK.&R.** granules 1-60, 1-50, 1-40, 1-30 and 1-20 grain. The 1-50 gr. granule is about equal to two minims of Fowler's solution.

**Arsenic, Bromide.**—Iliin: *psoriasis*: two cases by Corbett's method (arsenic brom., 1 gr.; alcohol, 2 ozs.; syrup, 8 ozs.; a teaspoonful two or three times a day after meals); profuse shedding of scales in two weeks; both were bad cases; a brown discoloration was left at the parts previously affected.—*Rüss. Med.*, No. 48, '87.

**Atropa Mandragora.**—Richardson: *anaesthetic* of antiquity: the mandrake of the Bible and Virgil; experiments were made on the root obtained from Greece; 3 iij of tincture (water, 5; alcohol 1) produced sleep in rabbits; the sleep is of a peculiar, disturbed kind; its action appears to be purely upon the nervous centres.—*Asclepiad.*

**Atropine.**—Glinsky: *hæmoptysis*: 3 cases; pneumonia and phthisis; expectorated large quantities of blood; injection of 1-120 gr. stopped the hæmorrhage at once; treated for five days two injections daily; cure: *menorrhagia*: 12 days flow each month; injection on second day; complete stoppage of hæmorrhage.—*Lond. Med. Rec.*, Feb. **McK.&R.** granules 1-300, 1-200, 1-120, 1-100 and 1-60 grain.

**Belladonna.**—Beckett: *mammary sinus* following abscess; thick plaster of extract; cure in ten days.—*Indian Med. Gaz.*, Jan. **McK. & R.** fluid and solid extracts of leaf and root.

**Betaine.**—Brieger: *ptomaine*:  $C^6 H^{11} NO^2$ ; from stale fish.—*Arch. de Pharm.*, June 5.

**Borate of Ammonium:** *excessive expectoration* in phthisical patients; 4 grs. three times daily.—*Nouveaux Rem.*, Feb.

**Borax.**—Noël: *diphtheria*: 60 cases, 3 deaths; infants under one year, 10 to 15 grs.; adults, 60 to 120 grs., in 24 hours; objects to local measures.—*Rev. de Thérap.*, Sept. 1.

**Boracic acid.**—Gaucher: *impetigo*: remove scabs by poultice and apply boracic acid in glycerine of starch (1 in 10); cure in 10 days in over 100 cases; *pulmonary tuberculosis*: 10 gr. doses; easily eliminated; several  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -ounce consecutive doses necessary to kill an adult.—*L'Union Méd.*, Jan. 31. Terrier doubts above: Sévestre employs the acid in impetigo.—*Lond. M. Rec.*, Apl.

**Bromide of Potassium.**—Butlin: *tetanus*, traumatic: risus sardonius well marked; chloral and bromide, patient worse; 20 grs. each bromide and salicin every two hours; improvement; profuse sweating; recovery.—*Brit. M. J.*, Jan. 14.

**Buchinka.**—*Drastic purgative*: used in Brazil; fruit of momordica operculata.

**Buckthorn.**—Gretchinsky: *toothache*: one ounce boiled with water one pint; used as a gargle, or on plug; effect ascribed to tannin. **McK. & R.** fluid extract, normal and tasteless.—*Zub. Vestnik*, *Lond. M. Rec.*, June.

**Cadaverine.**—Brieger: *ptomaine*: not toxic; human cadaver;  $C^6 H^{14} N^2$ .—*Arch. de Pharm.*, June 5. Grawitz: can cause inflammation and formation of pus.—*Virchow's Archiv.*, band cx.

**Calomel.**—Galloway: *phagedeno*: ulcer on penis with a third of the glans destroyed; other means of no avail; thickly dusted with calomel powder, well pressed in; recovery.—*Brit. M. J.*, March 3.

**Calycanthine.**—Eccles: alkaloid of calycanthus glaucus; grows wild in Virginia; not investigated.—*Pharm. Rec.*, Feb. 15.

**Camphorated Naphthol.**—Desesquelle: *painless cautery*: syrupy colorless liquid made by mixing powdered beta-naphthol one part with camphor two parts.—*Archiv. de Pharm.*, Sept. 5.

**Camphoric Acid.**—Furbinger: *antiseptic*: causes no irritation and possesses no specific action apart from its favorable effect in the night-sweats of phthisis; says doctors are deceived by the mildness of the course of a disease; tells story of a doctor who praised cor. sub. as of great value in catarrh; it was afterwards found that he had used spring

water and all the mercury had been precipitated as insoluble tetroxide; in night-sweating 15 grs. 3 or 4 times a day, or 30 grs. in the evening.—*Deut. M. Zeit.*, No. 50. Reichert: *sore-throat*: valuable; has a specific action in tuberculosis.—*Ibid.*

**Camphorated Aniline.**—*Antispasmodic*: one to four ethereal solution; given in capsules; dose, 1 to 3 grs.; 12 grs. in the 24 hours.—*Nouv. Rem.*, Feb.

**Canadol.**—Pliouchkine: *anæsthetic*: distilled from naphtha; causes rapid cold like ether, but does not continue to lower the temp.; local anæsthesia complete in 60 seconds; for minor operations.—*Rev. Thérap. Méd.-chir.*

**Cannabis Indica.**—McConnell: *anorexia*: 5 to 10  $\text{m}$  t.i.d. half-hour before meals; *dyspeptic diarrhæa*: 10 to 20  $\text{m}$  t.i.d., blue pill at night; *hypnotic*. in cardiac or Bright's disease; 15 to 20  $\text{m}$  with 10 grs. chloral and 20 grs. bromide.—*Practitioner*, Feb. Greene: *migraine*: to be given for three months;  $\frac{1}{3}$  gr. alc. extract every night and morning;  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$  gr. in severe cases.—*Practitioner*, July. The **McK. & R.** extracts, solid and fluid, will be found reliable and uniform, the preparation being very carefully conducted; granules of 1-8, 1-4 and 1-2 grain. Full notes on recent uses of this drug sent on application.

**Carbolate of Camphor.**—Smith (Shingleton): *phthisis*: two cases with great improvement; injections subcutaneous and into lung tissue about the diseased areas in the apices; no irritation; dose, 10, 15, 20  $\text{m}$  of the saturated solution of camphor in carbolic acid injected twice a week at first and then daily.—*Bristol M. Jour.*, Sept.

**Carbolic Acid.**—Verneuil: *anthrax*: spray of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  3 or 4 times a day for 20 or 30 minutes; the vertex of the tumor is surrounded with a roll of linen to protect the skin; carbolic compress after the spray; infallible in small furunculi.—*Lond. M. Rec.*, Feb. Dujardin-Beaumont cured a case of intermittent fever that had resisted quinine by injections of one grain of a one per cent. solution by the Pravaz syringe.—*La Méd. des Ferments*, No. 33.

**Carbo-naphtholic Acid (alpha).**—Ellenberger: *antiseptic*: formed by the action of sodium and carbonic acid on naphthol; soluble in alcohol and partly in borax solution; 1 to 300 checks advanced decomposition; excreted as a salt unaltered in the urine.—*Brit. M. Jour.*, Nov. 3.

**Carbonic Acid.**—Brown-Séquard: *dyspnoea*: inhalations of the gas once or twice a day; two to four quarts; innocuous; a soothing action similar to that of a subcutaneous injection of morphine; suggested by Weill.—*France Méd.*, March 8.



**Carduus Marianus.**—Tripier: *varix*: veins of internal organs may exist in a condition which we recognize in varicocele and hæmorrhoids; very good results; dose 20 to 25 drops of tinct. (French Codex—20%) once or twice daily.—*Bull. gén. de Thérap.*, June 15. **McK.&R.** prepare the tincture of the strength of the French Codex: a translation from the French, of Dr. Tripier's article sent free on application.

**Cascara Sagrada.**—Goodwin: *rheumatism*: 16℥ fluid extract t.i.d.—*N. Y. M. J.*, June 9. **NOTE.**—Has produced symptoms resembling cholera morbus in some cases when given in large doses as a purgative, this effect is said to be due to a ferment contained in the drug and is absent (Greene) in the tasteless extract. **McK.&R.** fluid and solid extracts, and non-bitter fluid extract. Pills of 1, 2 and 3 grains of the solid extract, with several combinations.

**Casein Saccharate.**—Leger: *emulsifier*: Dry casein one part, sugar nine parts, made alkaline with bicarb. soda.—*Nouv. Rem.*, Feb.

**Cerium Oxalate.**—Cheesman: *cough*: 10 grs. or more several times a day for several days.—*M. Rec.*, N. Y., June 2. **McK.&R.** pills, 1, 2 and 3 grains.

**Chicken Blood.**—Czartoryski: *leucocythemia*: bad case; blood of chicken from severed neck, received in warm vessels; the œsophagus and trachea should not be injured when the neck is cut; remedy proposed by Avicenna; girl of eight years increased from 22 lbs. to 54 lbs. in 7 months; the blood of two to ten chickens daily.—*Pacif. M. & S. J.*, June.

**Chloral Ammonium.**—Nesbitt: *stimulant*: contains 10% of amidogen; dose, 5 to 20 grs.—*Therap. Gaz.*, Feb.

**Chloral Hydrate.**—Mercier: *diphtheria*: early stages only; 1½ to 5 grs. in syrup every half hour, taking care to give food and drink before the dose; separation of false membranes in 48 hours; if tongue is much furred an emetic is given before treatment; of use only in the early stages.—*Rev. de Thérap.*, Feb.

**Chlorate Potassium.**—Lemoine: *epithelioma*: treatment proposed by M. Reclus; parts kept covered with lint moistened with solution of the chlorate and 30 grs. given internally daily.—*Rev. Gén. de Clin. et de Thérap.*, July 5.

**Chloride Ammonium.**—Greene (W. T.): *neuralgia*: never known it to fail; dose, 20 grs.—*Med. Press*, Sept. 12. Maxwell recommends inhalations produced by heating the dry powder in a glass tube as giving neutral fumes, the ordinary method varying in this

respect.—*Brit. M. Jour.*, Oct. 27. When the "Brown Mixture" of the U. S. Ph. is desired **McK.&R.** prepare a pill very nearly equivalent to one teaspoonful of the official preparation.

**Chloride of Methyl.**—Bailly: *neuralgia*: tampons of non-absorbent cotton, wound with silk, dipped into the liquid and applied to the skin; in applying to mucous surfaces a strip of gold-beater's skin should be interposed; nearly every case *muscular rheumatism* was cured; acts by the production of cold; small whitish vesicles appearing on the skin show the limit of the application.—*L'Union Méd.*, Mch 1. The above method has been applied (Vidal) in over 120 operations for local anæsthesia; for (Bouchard) the actual cautery; and at times it relieved dyspnoea: it soothes (Dieulafoy and others) internal pains.—*Gaz. des Hôp.* Huchard: *spinal irritation*: spray along the spine; perhaps useful in chorea.—*Bull. Méd.*, July 1. Chloride of methyl is sold in copper siphons in which the gas is condensed to a liquid form; many observers—Sée, Jacoby, and others—have testified to the efficacy of the spray in many cases of neuralgia, rheumatism, etc. **McK.&R.** can supply this valuable agent in copper siphons.

**Chloride Sodium.**—Greene (W. T.): *vomiting of pregnancy*: two cases; 5 grs. in one ounce of chloroform water thrice daily and continued.—*Med. Press*, Mch. 7. Rosenbuch: *collapse*: 75 to 300 grs. of a 6% solution injected in one place, up to 450 grs. in all; indicated in heart failure, hemorrhages of lungs, stomach and bowels; in cachexia 16℥ injected daily.—*Prz. Lek., Therap. Gaz.*, Mch.

**Choline.**—Brieger: *ptomaine*: C<sup>5</sup>H<sup>15</sup>NO<sup>2</sup>; obtained from decomposed meat; has an effect similar to that of curare.—*Arch. de pharm.*, June 5.

**Chromic Acid.**—*Hyperhydrosis of feet*: application of 10% solut. every 3 or 6 weeks; said to have been adopted by the German army.—*Med. Press*, Lond., Oct. 24.

**Chrysaniline Dinitrate.**—Auclert: *analgesic*: unreliable; seems to have given good results in epilepsy, but produces nausea and diarrhoea.—*Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, June 15.

**Cicutine Hydrobromate.**—Dujardin-Beaumont: *angina pectoris*: 1½ to 3 grs. with alcohol and aq. laurocerasi by hypodermic injection during the accession.

**Cineraria Maritima.**—Mercer: *cataract*: a plant of Venezuela; dose, 2 drops of the juice applied three times a day; said to have restored sight to the author, who was totally blind from cataract.—*Pharm. J. & Trans.*, May 26.

**Cocaine.**—March: *pleurisy*: 1-5 to 1-4 gr. injected over seat of pain as indicated by patient places decided check on tendency to effusion.—*Brit. M. J.*, July 14. Fenwick: *reflex action*: in a case of neuralgia of the face with urethral pain, it was noted that cocaine injected into the urethra cured the neuralgia, further experiments were made and the author concludes that, if pain in any part of the body be due to slight nerve irritation, neuralgias, etc., cocaine injected into the urethra will relieve it, if, however, the pain be due to severe irritation—carcinoma, inflammation—the drug will not relieve it; thus used it is of diagnostic value.—*Brit. M. J.*, Jan. 14, *Lancet*, May 5. Langlois, Richet: *convulsions*: dog placed in bath at 104° to 107° will have convulsions at once if injected with 1/8 gr. cocaine; if in a bath at 88° 1/2 gr. will have no such effect, but if now removed and placed in a bath at 104° very violent convulsions result; cold is thus indicated in convulsions.—*Le Md. Phar.*, June 20. **McK.&R.** prepare the anhydrous crystals of this valuable drug, which will be found the most reliable for local anesthesia. For internal medication they have granules of 1-20, 1-10, 1-8, and 1-4 grain.

**Cocillana.**—Rusby: a bark from Bolivia; thought to contain an active principle related to emetine; dose 20 to 50 grs. of powder.—*Therap. Gaz.*, Aug.

**Cocanut.**—Parisi: *tania*: has long been used in India; no purgative or confinement necessary; dose, the milk and pulp of one cocanut early in the morning, fasting.—*Pharm. J. & Trans.*, Nov. 3.

**Codeine.**—Brunton: *abdominal pain*: enteralgia without organic disease; supposed malignant tumor; dose up to 1 grain 3 times a day.—*Brit. M. J.*, June 9. **McK.&R.** pills and granules 1-16, 1-8, 1-5, 1-4, 1-2 and 1 gr.

**Colchicin.**—Laborde, Houdé: *gout*: as soon as the first symptoms appear one granule of 1-65th grain at intervals of 2 hours; second day two granules; third day one; one on the fourth if necessary; in well-marked gout 4 granules may be used; several days should elapse between each series of granules.—*Rev. Gén. de Clin. et de Thérap.*, Jan. 26. **McK.&R.** granules of 1-60 grain.

**Collidine.**—Nencki: *ptomaine*: C<sup>8</sup>H<sup>11</sup>N; from decomposed gelatine.—*Arch. de Pharm.*, June 5.

**Conicine, Bromhydrate.**—Demme: *tetanus*, idiopathic: child of 7 years; 2 hypoderm. injections of 1-32 gr. at an interval of 2 hours, same dose by mouth 3 times every 2 hours, 4 doses on second day, 2 on third; recovery.—*Nouv. Rém.*, Jan. 24.

**Conium.**—Whitla: *rectal pain*: the concentrated juice (*succus*) is mixed with lanolin and well smeared inside the sphincter, 10 or 12 grs. persulphate of iron may be added; did not have good results with the extract.—*Practitioner*, Apl.

**Corrosive Sublimate.**—Tansini: *lupus hypertrophicus* of the point of the nose; injected several times with cor. sub., 1, sodium chloride 2, distilled water 100.—*Monat. für Prakt. Derm.*, No. 8. Laplace: *antiseptic*: uses tartaric acid to prevent formation of insoluble albuminate; for solution: cor. sub., 1, tart. acid, 5, aq. dest., 1000; for bandages, soak two hours in: cor. sub., 5, tart. acid, 20, aq. dest., 1000.—*Nouv. Rém.*, May 24. For internal administration, **McK.&R.** prepare granules of 1-100, 1-60, 1-50, 1-40, 1-30, 1-20 and 1-10 grain.

**Creasote** (beechwood): Bogdanovitch: *phthisis*: used on himself: 4 grs. daily reaching 44 grs. daily in 3 months; no effect with small doses; not to be given on an empty stomach; improvement, but not cure.—*Brit. M. J.*, Mch. 3. Guttman: *phthisis*: cultivations completely stopped by 1 to 2000; can be given in pill, or with coffee or cocoa.—*Zeit. f. klin. Med.*, B. 13, Heft 5. Rosenbusch: *phthisis*: 9 cases; good results; injections into lung tissue of 8 ml of 3% solution in almond oil in each of two places.—*Praglad Lekarski*, Feb. 4. Generally preferred in the pill form: **McK.&R.** make two sizes—1-2 and 1 grain.

**Creatinine.**—Thudichum: one of six alkaloids contained in urine.—*Med. Press*, Nov. 28.

**Creolin.**—Kortum: *antiseptic*: as a dressing a 1/2% watery solution; for the hands, etc., 2% solution; to the eyes 1 to 400; has a decided hæmostatic action; may be given internally in pills of 1 1/2 to 4 1/2 grs. 3 or 4 times a day.—*Lancet*, March 17. **McK.&R.** pills, 2 grains.

**Cresylic Acid.**—Delplanque: *antiseptic*: from coal tar; C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O; fatal to rabbits in 1-500th of weight, with symptoms of convulsive spasms and paralysis of hinder extremities.—*Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, Aug. 15.

**Crotonleic Acid.**—Kobert: *vesicant* and *purgative*: active principle of croton oil.

**Cundurango.**—Ewald: an excellent stomachic where there is catarrh of the mucous membrane; dose 1/2 oz. of the decoction every 2 hours.—*Der Fortschritt*, July 20. This drug had quite a reputation several years ago as a cancer cure, but has lately come into use for affections of the stomach. **McK.&R.** fluid extract.



**Cyanide Mercury.**—Sellden: *diphtheria*: before the use of this drug the mortality (in Norberg, Sweden), was 92.7%, after its use 4.9%;  $\frac{1}{2}$  gr. in tinct. aconite 31 grs., honey, 772 grs.; a teaspoonful every 15, 30 or 60 minutes (according to age) with a gargle of cyanide (1 to 10,000) and peppermint water every 15 minutes; has sometimes substituted the biniodide of mercury with good results.—*Lancet*, Mch. 24. **McK.&R.** granules 1-20 grain.

**Digitalis.**—Pétrusco: *pneumonia*: 577 cases; has used no other treatment since 1883; digitalis leaf, 1, simple syrup, 10, water, 50; dose, a tablespoonful every half hour; treatment lasts about 3 days; no toxic effects.—*Repert. de Pharm.*, Sept. Saucerotte: *pneumonia*: indicated where pulse exceeds 100; if temp. is low no active treatment is called for; as death supervenes in fatal cases between the 8th and 10th day, and digitalis attains its maximum effect from the 7th to the 10th day, it must be given not later than 3d day.—*Rev. Gén. de Clin. et Thérap.*, Oct. 18. **McK.&R.** granules of digitaline, 1-100, and 1-60 grain, and digitalis compound, containing one grain each digitalis and squill, with two grains of potassium nitrate.

**Edwigia Balsamifera.**—Gaucher:  $\frac{1}{4}$  gr. of alc. extract caused death in guinea pigs with lowering of temp., paresis of hind legs, and convulsions; grows in the Antilles; N. O. Terebinthaceæ.—*Bull. Méd.*, Sept. 30.

**Electricity.**—In diagnosis of Grave's disease after Charcot (Wolfenden) electrical resistance very much decreased; it is not diminished in ordinary goitre.—*Practitioner*, Dec., '87. For illumination of male urethra (Fenwick).—*Brit. M. Jour.*, Mch. 3, Apl. 14.—In diagnosis of tumors of the bladder (Nitze).—*Lancet*, April 21. Electric douche (Gariel); the current is passed through the water at the time of using. Electricity has been employed in the treatment of keloid; spermatorrhœa; deafness caused by obstruction of eustachian tube; hydro-salpinx; extra-uterine gestation, etc.

**Embelia Ribes.**—Warden: *tonia*: contains embelic acid which forms a salt with ammonia, the dose of this salt is three grs. for children and 6 grs. for adults.—*Pharm. J. & Trans.*, Oct. 20.

**Ergot.**—Pinna: *ague*, with splenic enlargement:  $\frac{1}{4}$  gr. ergotine injections at intervals of several days completely cured the latter. Buquoy: *polyuria*: 14 qts. reduced to 7 in 5 days; daily dose 10 grs. **McK.&R.** fluid extract of ergot; and ergotine for hypodermic use (specially prepared), also pills of ergotin, 1-2, 1, 2, 3 and 5 grains, each grain representing ten grains of selected ergot of rye.

**Ergot of Oat.**—Used in Algeria (Bousquet) in place of ergot of rye, which was scarce; similar to the latter, but said to have a stimulating effect.

**Erythrophlæine.**—Lewin: *analgesic*: alkaloid from *Erythrophlæum guineense*; Kaposi, Panas, Kollar and others have experimented with this drug, but much uncertainty remains as to its practical value; a one-eighth of one per cent. solution may be instilled into the eyes, but irritation is so frequently caused as to place this drug far below cocaine.

**Ethylate Sodium.**—Richardson: *nevus*: prepared by treating pure metallic sodium with absolute alcohol: acts by the production of a caustic when in presence of moisture.—*Asclepiad*, August. Taylor: *lupus*: good results; no water should be allowed to touch the parts.—*Brit. M. J.*, Oct. 6.

**Ethylene Chloride.**—Dubois: used for producing anæsthesia in dogs; it has the peculiar property of producing œdema of the eyeball which may persist for several months.

**Exalgine.**—Dujardin-Beaumez, Bardet: *analgesic, antipyretic*: as a substitute for antipyrin, or acetanilid, and the phenacetins; is said to have none of the bad effects sometimes following the administration of the above; is generally indicated as an analgesic in the place of morphine; dose, 2 to 4 grains, four or five times a day.—*Nouv. Rem.*, Mch. 24, 1889. **McK.&R.** pills, 2, 3 and 5 grs. Cordial Exalginique.

**Fuchsin.**—Reiss: *nephritis*: benefit in all the cases (20); red coloration of urine, but no unpleasant symptoms; dose, 1-64 to 1-13 gr., increased to 1-6.—*Gaz. Heb. Méd. et Chir.*

**Gadinine.**—Brieger: *ptomaine*:  $C^6 H^{17} NO^2$ ; from stale fish; non-toxic.—*Arch. de Ph.*, June 5.

**Glycerine.**—Novotny: *constipation*: 200 cases; generally a good stool in 3 or 4 minutes; dose, rectal injection of fl. 3 ss-i.—*Lancet*, May 12. **McK.&R.** suppositories, containing 95% of pure glycerin, will be found convenient. Recent notes on the value of this drug in constipation, prolapse and diarrhœa, sent free.

**Glykowine.**—An emulsion of glycerin and yolk of egg; used externally in burns, cracked breasts, etc.—*Nouv. Rem.*, Feb.

**Gray Oil.**—Lang: a name applied to a mercurial preparation made with olive oil, or vaseline, and metallic mercury (30%); one or two grains subcutaneously in syphilis. (Also see mercury with chalk).

**Guaiac.**—*Emmenagogue*; in amenorrhœa 6 to 9 grains may be given every morning before breakfast. **McK.&R.** pills 3 grains.

**Guaiacol.**—Sahli: *phthisis*: constituent of beech-wood creasote, of which it constitutes 60 to 90%; dose,  $\frac{1}{4}$  to 1 grain after meals; may be given dissolved in water and spirit, or in cod-liver oil. (See creasote).

**Gunpowder.**—Knaggs: *ringworm*: it is made into a paste with lemon-juice and applied twice or three times daily to the scalp; it is stated to be very efficacious if continuously applied.—*Therap. Gaz.*, Nov.

**Helleboreine.**—Venturini: *anæsthetic*: in ocular therapeutics 3 or 4 drops of the one per cent. solution may be dropped into the eye; local effects are produced by hypoderm. injections, but its action on the heart renders it dangerous; its effect passes off very rapidly if combined with cocaine.—*Bull. Gén de Thérap.*, June 15. The anæsthetic effect (Vittorio) lasts longer and is more distinctly confined to the cornea than is the case with cocaine. For internal administration, **McK.&R.** granules of 1-50 grain.

**Hippurates.**—Poulet: hippuric acid is the acid principle of the gastric juice; it exists only in the first stage of digestion; the hippurate of calcium is used to restore the acidity of alkaline urine; some forms of skin disease rapidly disappear under its use.—*Bull. Gén. de Clin. et Thérap.*

**Hot Air.**—Aldorfer: *phthisis*, etc.: acts as an oxidizing agent on the microbes and ptomaines.—*Med. Press*, Lond., May 2. Weigert, Halter: *phthisis*: acts by more perfectly aerating the lungs and effects the bacillus by its heat; inhalation of dry air at 248° to 356° F. raised the temp. of the expired air to 109.4.—*Lancet*, Sept. 29, *Brit. M. J.*, Oct. 27.

**Hydrastis Canadensis.**—Fuchs, Schmidt: *uterine myoma*: control of hæmorrhage, with return of normal menstruation; reduced the tumor in one case.—*Therap. Gaz.*, Jan. Rutherford: *hæmorrhage* in fibromyomata: controls hæmorrhage, but does not diminish tumor; dose of tinc. 15 to 60  $\text{m}$ ; can be given continuously.—*B. M. J.*, July 23. Schatz: chronic inflammation of the internal genitals and in myomata; uses the fresh plant.—*Inter. klin. Rundsch.*, No. 26. **McK.&R.** fluid extract, colorless solution, and pills of hydrastine, 1-2 and 1 grain.

**Hydrochloric Acid.**—Malony: *nail swallowing*: two-inch nail; complained of constant pain and tenderness at the pyloric end of stomach; diet of bread and milk; large doses of acid; stools blackened after first two days; cure.—*B. M. J.*, July 14.

**Hydrocollid.**—Gautier, Etard: *ptomaine*:  $\text{C}^8 \text{H}^{18} \text{N}$ ; causes spasms; from decomposed meat.—*Arch. de Pharm.*, June 5.

**Hydrofluoric Acid.**—Bergeron: *diphtheria*: in a leaden vessel in a water-bath put 460 grains of fluor-spar with a slight excess of sulphuric acid, this must be renewed every four hours, the patient inhaling until the complete disappearance of the false membranes—about 48 hours.—*Arch. de Pharm.*, Jan. 5. Hérard: *phthisis*: 75% cured or improved; points out the immunity of glass-blowers from this disease; inhalations for one hour daily.—*Bull. de l'Acad. de Méd.*, 1887.

**Hydrophobine.**—Peraud macerated the brains of mad rabbits and obtained a fluid having the odor and taste of tanacetie acid; injected into rabbits it produced paralytic rabies.—*Gaz. des Hôp.*, May 12.

**Hyoscine Hydrobromate.**—Thompson: *hypnotic*: especially in cases of chronic mania; dose, 1-200th to 1-100th grain.—*Lancet*, Feb. 4. Toxic results (Worrall) from 1-100 gr.; pilocarpine, injections of ether, and coffee given.—*Aust. M. Gaz.*, Sept. **McK.&R.** granules 1-200 and 1-100 grain.

**Hyoscine Hydrochlorate.**—Salgó: *insanity*: if 1-65 gr. be injected during an attack of frenzy the patient will gradually become quiet, look as if he were drunk, and remain in a half-asleep condition for from 2 to 8 hours.—*Deut. M. Zeitung*, No. 52. Krauss: *insanity*: the best sedative for this purpose we have; after injection of 1-70 gr. the maniac collapses as if struck by lightning, while the paralytic calms down only gradually; effectual in sleeplessness.—*Med. Chir. Centralb.*, No. 40. (See hyos. hydrobromide).

**Hyposulphite of Sodium.**—Newth: *blood-poisoning*: dose, 5 to 10 grains repeated.—*Lancet*, Feb. 18.

**Ice-bag.**—Money: *broncho-pneumonia* in children: in severe cases two bags are used—one over the seat of consolidation in the lungs and the other on the head; stimulants are given.—*Lancet*, June 2.

**Ichthyol.**—Nussbaum: *gout and rheumatism*: 2 grains two or three times a day and rapidly increased until the effect is produced, when the drug is withdrawn; in case of relapse the drug is given in the dose that proved active before; as high as 77 grains a day have been given without injurious effect; an ointment may be applied externally.—*Monit. Thérap.*, Mch. 5. **McK.&R.** pills 2 grains.

**Iodide of Potassium.**—Haslund: *psoriasis*: 50 cases, 40 cures; treatment lasted 7 weeks; small doses rapidly increased to an ounce, or even to 1 $\frac{3}{4}$  ozs. daily.—*Viert. f. Derm. und Syph.* Berényl: *aortic aneurism*: 26 grs. daily.—*Lond. M. Rec.*, Dec.



**Iodochloride.**—Langenbuch: *antiseptic*: prepared by passing dry chlorine over iodine; in surgery, a watery solution 1-1000 to 1-1500; internally in *dyspepsia*, 1-1200 to 1-1500, tablespoonful every two hours; in *gonorrhœa*, injection 1-1200.—*Med. Chir.*, Rundschau, Feb.

**Iodoform.**—Chauvin, Jorissenne: *hæmoptysis*: superior to ergot;  $\frac{3}{4}$  grain in pill 3 to 5 times a day.—*Monit. Thérap.*, Oct. 1. Thiéry: *gonorrhœa*: fine powder suspended in oil almonds; cure in two weeks with 17 injections.—*Prog. Méd.* Jeffries confirms the experiments of Heyn and Rovsing that iodoform is not a germicide.—*Jour. M. Sci.*, Jan. **McK.&R.** pills 1 grain; with several combinations.

**Iodoform Bituminate.**—Ehrmann: combination of tar and iodoform and is used like the latter as a dressing; has a very faint odor.—*B. M. J.*, Sept. 29.

**Iodol.**—Purjesz: *otitis media*: in the form of powder insufflated into the ear.—*Med. Chir.* Rund., Nov. Used like iodoform; has been given internally in doses of 4 to 10 grs. daily.

**Iodo-tannate of Mercury.**—Nourry: mercury  $\frac{1}{8}$  gr.: iodine, 3-7 gr.: kramero-tannic acid, 3-5 gr.; pure glycerine, 16 drops; dose, one-half the above by injection.—*Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, Mch. 15.

**Ipecac.**—Muskett: *anthrax and carbuncle*: 50 cases without failure: externally, applied mixed with water to the consistence of a cream; internally, 5 grs with  $\frac{1}{8}$  gr. morphia every 4 hours.—*Lancet*, Feb. 11. Murrell: *chronic bronchitis*: half ounce of the wine with equal quantity of water used as a spray for about ten minutes 3 or 4 times a day; the dose is gradually doubled; it should be used warm.—*M. Press*, Lond., Apl. 25. **McK.&R.** pills 1-4 and 5 grains; also the fluid extract, and the pure powdered drug in sealed cans.

**Iron.**—Guelpa: *diphtheria*: copious irrigations of aqueous solut. of perchloride (1 to 100) of nose and throat every 2 or 3 hours day and night; cure within a week if used at beginning.—*Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, Sept. 15. Martin: *acute rheumatism*: 15 ʒ tinct. muriate every 2 hours.—*Med. Press*, Lond., Apl. 11. Restoration of hæmoglobin (Skvortzoff) after venesection the increase of body weight proceeds more rapidly when iron is given with food, than without it.—*Vratch. B. M. J.*, Sept. 29. **McK.&R.** pills of iron by hydrogen, 1, 2 and 4 grains.

**Knights Spur** (*Delphinium consolida*):—Krasnogradoff: *scrofula*: ulcers on both feet, which were bathed daily for three weeks, and an infusion made with alcohol internally; great improvement, and complete recovery.—*Lond. M. Rec.*, Jan.

**Lactic Acid.**—Hayem: *diarrhœa*: green diarrhœa of children, a teaspoonful of a 2% solution every hour; in adults where the flux is chronic and accompanied by dyspepsia three tablespoonfuls of the same solution.—*Soc. des Hôp.* Rafin: *lupus*: flax seed poultices first, and then paints with an 80% solution.—*L'Union Méd.*, Sept. 25.

**Lanolin.**—Fränkel: *burns and cuts*: prevents formation of scabs; burns desquamate less; hæmorrhage is prevented in small wounds.—*Pharm. Rund.*, No. 3. Gottstein: acts as a preventive of decomposition.—*Deut. M. Zeit.*, No. 8. Is used generally in skin diseases, and with boracic acid; is said to alleviate the itching.

**Lappa.**—Stratton: *amenorrhœa*: burdock; saturated tinct. of the seeds in proof spirit; dose, 60 drops three times a day a week before expected flow; used with aloes if a cathartic is wanted.—*Therap. Gazette*, Feb. **McK.&R.** prepare a fluid extract of the seed.

**Lemon Juice.**—Geneuil: *epistaxis*: injection of the contents of a small urethral syringe; one dose generally sufficient; citric acid solution alone does not have the same effect.—*Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, Nov. 30.

**Litholeine.**—Noel: a petroleum product obtained by distilling at a particular pressure and temperature; said to exert a particular curative action over eczema.—*Gaz. Méd. de Paris*, Jan. 21.

**Magnesium Salicylate.**—Huchard: *typhoid fever*: prepared by dissolving salicylic acid in distilled water and saturating the boiling solution with carbonate of magnesium; crystals are obtained soluble in water and alcohol; is but slightly laxative; acts as an antithermic and intestinal antiseptic; dose, 40 to 80 grs. daily.—*Rev. Gén. Clin. et Thérap.*, Jan. 26.

**Menthol.**—Duke: *pruritus vulvæ*: crystallized menthol rubbed over the parts 3 or 4 times.—*Brit. M. Jour.*, Sept. 1. Dana: *neuralgia, migraine*: a 25% alcoholic solution of which the dose is 10 to 15 ʒ in a wineglassful of hot water.—*Therap. Gaz.*, July.

**Mercury with Chalk.**—Hutchinson: *syphilis*: dose, 1 grain three or more times a day for six months. **McK.&R.** will send an abstract of Mr. Hutchinson's article on Abortion of Syphilis free; their pills are 1-4 and 1 grain.

**Meta-Phenylenediamine.**—Dubois, Vignon: obtained by means of the action of tin and hydrochloric acid on meta-dinitrobenzene; 1-7 gr. per kilo. caused death in dogs in about 12 hours; produces symptoms similar to an intense influenza; causes great protrusion of the eyes.—*Ph. Jour.*, Sept. 29.

**Methylal.**—Richardson: *hypnotic, anti-spasmodic*; from methylic alcohol; must be perfectly pure; dose, ʒi to 4.—*Asclepiad*, May.

**Methylene Bichloride.**—Wells (Spencer): *anæsthetic*; over 2,000 operations; one of the most harmless of anæsthetics (Day) in 1,230 cases; the methylene in market (Buxton) is composed of 4 parts methylated chloroform and one part methylic alcohol and produces anæsthesia; pure bichloride methylene ( $C_2H_2Cl_2$ ) produces no anæsthesia, but wild excitement.—*Brit. M. J.*, June 9, July 14, 28.

**Midaleine.**—Brieger: *ptomaine*; from decomposed meat.—*Arch. de Pharm.*, June 5.

**Midatoxine.**—Brieger: *ptomaine*;  $C_6H_{12}NO_2$ ; from decomposed cadavers; similar to curare.—*Arch. de Pharm.*, June 5.

**Midine.**—Brieger: *ptomaine*;  $C_6H_{11}NO_2$ ; from decomposed cadavers.—*Arch. de Pharm.*, June 5.

**Milk, Sour.**—Osthoff: *summer diarrhœa*, and as a food.—*Med. Press*, Feb. 8.

**Mountain Pine.**—James: *bronchitis*; should be used with caution if kidney disease is present; the oil may be sprinkled about the room, or 10 to 20 drops added to a steam inhaler half full of water; internally, one to five minims; is of the terebinthinate series and is also known as mugho, pinus pumilio oleum templinum or krummolzöl.—*Lancet*, March 10.

**Muscarine.**—Brieger: *ptomaine*;  $C_8H_{15}NO_3$ ; from stale fish; moderately toxic.—*Arch. de Pharm.*, June 5.

**Myrobalan.**—Apéry: *diarrhœa, dysentery*; an ancient remedy, the fruit of which is used roasted in the form of powder and pills; dose ʒi to 120 grs.; is used by the Turks, Persians, etc.; contains a great deal of tannin and an oily green body called myrobalin.—*Therap. Gaz.*, March.

**Mytilotoxine.**—Brieger: *ptomaine*;  $C^6H^{15}NO^3$ ; from snails; toxic.—*Arch. de Ph.*, June 5.

**Myrtol.**—Eichhorst: *bronchitis*; one of the best disinfectants of the air-passages we possess; is obtained by distillation from the common myrtle; dose, 4 grs. in capsule every two hours; has no specific action against tubercle bacilli.—*Wien. M. Presse*, No. 42.

**Naphthol (β).**—Rualt: *osœna*; naphthol B, 1, alcohol, 90%, 7; a teaspoonful of this to a quart of water is used as a wash; cocaine may be used, or a solution of one-half the above strength.—*Arch. de Laryn.* Gintergoff: *dysentery*; 7 or 8 grs. in an ounce of water for a single enema; may be repeated in a few hours; quinine internally if necessary.—*Russ. Med.* Shoemaker: *leucorrhœa, gonorrhœa*; half a grain to the fluid ounce of water.—*J. Am. M. Asso.*, July 14. McK. & R. prepare a concentrated solution which may be conveniently used where naphthol water is desired fresh.

**Neurine.**—Brieger; *ptomaine*;  $C^6H^{15}NO$ ; from decomposed meat; acts like curare.—*Arch. de Ph.*, June 5.

**Nitrate of Mercury.**—Kenner: *boils, felons*; the ointment is applied  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. thick and left on for 24 hours; several cases cured.—*M. & S. Rep.*, April 14.

**Nitroglycerin.**—Osler: *epilepsy*; 19 cases, improvement in 9; begins with 2 1-100 gr. pills three times a day increased until the physiological effect is produced.—*J. Men. & Nerv. Dis.*, Jan. Korczynski, Holst: useful in affections of the heart and kidneys; cured a case of angina pectoris in which there was no organic affection of the heart; small doses—1-200-1-100 gr.—at first.—*Paris Méd.*, Jan. 7. McK. & R. will send full notes on the use of this remedy free; granules of 1-200 grain (equal to one drop of the usual one per cent. solution) 1-100 and 1-50 grain.

**Olive Oil.**—Chauffard: *hepatic colic*; several cases; dose, 6½ ozs., and in 15 minutes a similar dose; patient is kept lying on right side for three hours; in about 8 hours numerous half-solid, greenish concretions are evacuated. Hayem and Bucquoy have used olive oil in biliary lithiasis accompanied by chronic icterus.—*Brit. M. J.*, Nov. 24.

**Onobaio.**—Varigny, Langlois: arrow poison; 1-16 gr. to 13 lbs. weight slows respiration with little cardiac disturbance; 1-13 gr. kills rabbits quickly.—*Brit. M. J.*, June 30.

**Oranges.**—Del Valle, Castro: *metrorrhœgia*; the unripe fruit is boiled in the skin and well sweetened.—*Cronica Med.-Quir.*

**Orthosiphon stamineus.**—Frochard: *diuretic*; known as Java tea; used in gravel and arthritis; it is harmless; dose, infusion of 70 grains to the quart of water daily.—*Brit. M. J.*, May 5.

**Osmic Acid.**—Grinevitski: *muscular rheumatism*; always improvement with complete recovery in the majority; dose, 8 drops of a one per cent. solution up to a Pravaz syringe-ful (care being taken with women or susceptible patients) injected into the parenchyma of the muscle; generally two injections effect the cure.—*Russ. Med., Practitioner*, Sept.

**Oxygen.**—Jaccoud quoted by Carter: *Bright's disease*; inhalation of 11 quarts three times a day; plainest food; douches followed by frictions.—*Brit. M. Jour.*, Sept. 1.

**Oxyphenate of Mercury.**—Chadex: *syphilis*; less painful than any other salt of mercury; absorption very rapid; injects an emulsion of one part of the salt to fifty of gum arabic mucilage.—*Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, Dec. 15.



**Papayotin.**—Schrimmer: *fissures of the tongue*: successful in 24 out of 25 cases; papayotin, 1 or 2; glycerin and distilled water, of each, 10; apply 5 or 6 times daily after carefully drying the parts.—*L'Union Méd.*, Sept. 25.

**Paraldehyde.**—La Moure: *obstinate vomiting*: 40 drops to an ounce of simple elixir.—*Albany M. Annals*, June.

**Para-Phenylenediamine.**—Dubois and Vignon: 1.7 gr. per kilo. causes death in dogs by coma in two hours; obtained from orthonitraniline in the manner employed for meta-phenylenediamine, *q. v.*—*Ph. Jour.*, Sept. 29.

**Parvoline.**—Gautier, Etard: *ptomaine*: from decomposed meat; spasmodic; C<sup>7</sup>H<sup>13</sup>N. —*Arch. de Ph.*, June 5.

**Pengawar Djambi, or Paku Kidang.**—Reber: *hemostatic*: consists of the silky, glossy, yellow or brown hairs on the stems of several kinds of tropical ferns; a thin layer is applied to the cut surface.—*Der Fortsch.*, Nov. 5.

**Peppermint Oil.**—Braddon: *phthisis, diphtheria*: one drop placed under a bell-glass covering a cultivation of cholera bacilli will kill both bacilli and spores in 48 hours; as an antiseptic dressing, the lint may be soaked in olive oil, one ounce, peppermint oil, one drop; in diphtheria, the pure oil is applied thoroughly twice a day.—*Lancet*, March 17, 24.

**Phenacetin.**—Dujardin-Beaumez: *apyretic, analgesic*: 5 grs. produces a durable fall of temp. of 4 or 5 degrees. *Bull. Med.*, April 1. Bell: *sciatica*: 8 to 12 grs.—*Brit. M. Jour.*, April 7. Has been used (Grenfell) in neuralgia: in dilatation (Misrachi, Rifat) and other neurotic conditions of the stomach. **McK.&R.** pills 2 and 5 grains.

**Phosphomolybdic Acid.**—Thudichum: precipitates all alkaloids contained in any animal or vegetable liquid in a body; used to precipitate the alkaloids of urine.—*Med. Press*, Nov. 28.

**Phosphorus.**—Comby: *rickets*: 40 children aged from 10 months to 3 years; 2 grs. to 39 ozs. cod-liver oil; dose, one teaspoonful daily for infants under 12 months, 4 teaspoonfuls if over 2 years; treatment lasted 3 months to one year; no unpleasant effects, but prefers the old method of cod-liver oil, phosphate of lime and salt water baths.—*Rev. de Thérap.*, April 15. **McK.&R.** pills 1-200, 1-120, 1-100, 1-60, 1-50, 1-30, 1-20, 1-12 grain, and a large number of compounds with quinine, iron, digitalis, etc.

**Phosphotungstic Acid**, same as for phosphomolybdic acid.

**Physostigmine.**—Rieiss: *chorea*: cure in most cases; dose, hypodermically, 1-100 (children) to 1-60 gr.; at first one injection afterwards two, daily; has also used the drug in paralysis agitans, tremors, etc., with good results.—*Berl. Klin. Woch.*, No. 22. **McK.&R.** salicylate of physostigmine granules 1-100 grain.

**Pichi** (*Fabiana imbricata*).—Indigenous to Chili; used in catarrhal inflammation of the mucous membrane of the bladder and kidneys; dose, 15 drops of the fluid extract. **McK.&R.** prepare a fluid extract of this drug.

**Pilocarpine Nitrate.**—McKeown: *atrophy of the optic nerves*: hypodermic injections from July 1882 (at which time he had to be led) until 1887—the last note—when he was earning his own living in a ship yard.—*Brit. M. Jour.*, July 28. Dr. Wyss gives the drug internally in respiratory difficulties; dose, 1-8 to 1-4 grain; never on an empty stomach. **McK.&R.** granules of the hydrochlorate, 1-60, 1-30, and 1-8 grain.

**Pyridin.**—De Renzi: *angina pectoris*: dose, 6 to 25 drops in water.—*Riv. Clin. e Terap.*, No. 3, '87.

**Pyrocin.**—Dreschfeld: *antipyretic*: (acetyl-phenyl-hydrazin): more powerful than antipyrin, acetanilid or phenacetin. Dose, 3 to 4 grs. for children, 8 to 12 for adults. Lépine: *neuralgia*, and pains of locomotor ataxia, etc.; great caution should be used in giving this drug, and effects should be carefully watched; 12 grs. once in 18 hours should not be exceeded, and then it should only be employed for a few days at a time.—*Brit. M. J.*, Oct. 20, Dec. 29; *Lancet*, Dec. 8.

**Quillaia Root.**—Gretchinsky: *nasal catarrhs*: the finely chopped dried root one-half ounce, powdered root one drachm; shake in a paper bag, the patient to inhale the dust through the nose until the passages are clear; repeat 3 to 5 times daily.—*L. Med. Rec.*, July.

**Quinolin.**—Dormat: *antiseptic*: used as a gargle in diphtheria; one part to 50 of alcohol and 500 of peppermint water.—*Jour. de Méd. de Paris*, June 10.

**Reducin.**—Thudichum: one of the six alkaloids of urine.—*L. Med. Press*, Nov. 28.

**Resorcin.**—Maxwell: *ulceration of tongue*: a very small quantity was sprinkled on the tongue, which gave the patient great relief.—*Lancet*, April 21; Chéron: *pharyngeal congestion of uterine origin*: gargle of resorcin, 4; glycerin (neutral), 15; distilled water, 250; 3 or 4 times daily.—*Jour. de Méd. et Chir.*, July.—Greene: *diarrhœa*: 10 grs. in half ounce of distilled water every hour at first.—*Lancet*, June 23.

**Rhinanthin.**—Phipson: glucoside from the common snapdragon (*Anterrhinum majus*) and the seeds of *Rhinanthus hirsutus*; said to resemble digitalin.—*Pharm. Jour. & Trans.*, Sept. 29.

**Saccharin.**—Has been generally used as a sweetening agent in cases where sugar is contra-indicated, as in diabetes; has antiseptic properties, and decreases the foetor of the urine; stated to give rise to stomach troubles when taken for a long time.

**Salicylic Acid.**—Sharkorski: *malignant scarlatina*: 15 grs. in  $\frac{3}{4}$  vi. of hot distilled water and  $\frac{3}{4}$  i of syrup of orange; dose, a teaspoonful to a tablespoonful every hour.—*Russ. Med. Jaccoud: pulmonary tuberculosis*: for reducing the fever 30 grs. daily for three days, then 23 grs. daily for three days; doses are then suspended for two days, and then renewed; if fever diminishes 15 grs. are given daily.—*Rev. de Thérap.*, Feb. 14. **McK.&R.** pills 1, 2½, and 5 grains; also, with morphine.

**Salicylate of Magnesium.**—Huchard: *typhoid fever*: 40 to 80 grs. daily; prepared by dissolving salicylic acid in distilled water and saturating the boiling solution with carb. magnesia.—*Rev. Gén. de Clin. et Thérap.*, Jan. 26.

**Salicylate of Mercury.**—Aranjo: *syphilis*: one-half grain by mouth or hypodermic injection three times a day; acts more promptly and energetically than other mercurials; also used externally and as an urethral injection in gonorrhœa.—*Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, Feb. 29.

**Salicylate of Sodium.**—Graham: *tonsillitis*: 10 to 20 grs. every two hours, dose to be reduced as relief is afforded; where it failed bicarb. soda was applied locally.—*Practitioner*, May.

**Saline Cathartics.**—Suckling: *peritonitis*, *typhlitis*: sulphate of magnesium and sodium 30 grs. with 10 ℥. tr. belladonna every four hours. Smith (Blaike): *acute pleurisy*: two drachms sulphate magnesium twice daily in a little hot water.—*Brit. M. Jour.*, May 26, Oct. 13.

**Salol.**—In *catarrhal pharyngitis* (Thorner), 10 to 15 grs. three times a day; mixed with iodoform (Barduzzi) as an application in *skin diseases*: in acute rheumatism (Bradford) inferior to salicyl. sodium: *dysentery* (McCall), boy of five years, 200 grs. in ten days. **McK.&R.** pills 2½ and 5 grains; also, with morphine—the latter pill is valuable where a local action of morphine is desired on the lower bowel.

**Saprine.**—Brieger: *ptomaine*:  $C_8H_{16}N_2$ ; from decomposed meat; not toxic.—*Arch. de Ph.*, June 5.

**Silico-fluoride Sodium.**—Robson: *disinfectant*: as a wash, one grain to the ounce of water; known as salufer.

**Simulo.**—White: *epilepsy*: fruit of the *Capparis coriacea*, a member of the hyssop family found in South America; cases appeared to improve under treatment; Dose, ½ to 2 drachms of the tincture.—*Lancet*, March 31.

**Soda Salts.**—Osheroovski: *hamorrhage*: case of uterine fibroid; subcutaneous injection of a mixture of 90 grs. each of cryst. phosphate and sulphate of soda in 4 ounces of distilled water; 60 grs. injected at one time.—*Lancet*, Aug. 25.

**Solanine.**—Sarda: *analgesic*: especially in pains of long standing; in obstinate sciatica and locomotor ataxia great relief was experienced.—*Bull. Gén. de Thérap.*, May 30. [Dose, ¼ to ½ grain three or four times a day]. **McK.&R.** granules 1-3 grain.

**Sparteine Sulphate.**—Levascheff, Pawinski: *heart disease*: nervous troubles, painful and distressing sensations in cases of valvular diseases of heart; commencement of Grave's disease; asthmatic attacks of bronchitic and emphysematous subjects; where digitalis is not supported; dose, ¼ gr. to 5 grs. daily, in three or four doses.—*Bull. Gén. de Thérap.* July 15. **McK.&R.** granules 1-4 grain; full notes, with pulse tracings, sent free.

**Spasmotoxine.**—Brieger: *ptomaine*: from tetanus cases.—*Arch. de Ph.*, June 5.

**Strophanthin.**—Charpentier: the diuretic effect of this drug will sometimes continue in a marked manner for 15 days after its administration is discontinued. [Dose, 1-20 to 1-4 grain]. **McK.&R.** granules of 1-20 and 1-4 grain; also, with iron, and with nitro-glycerin; also the tincture, prepared after the formula of Dr. Fraser, and the fluid extract. Strophanthin granules 1-65 gr. Notes on the uses of strophanthin sent free.

**Strychnine.**—Berblinger: *alcoholism*: suicidal wounds of the head when intoxicated; confirmed dipsomaniac; wounds got worse; suffered from sleeplessness and craving for liquor; injection of 1-100 gr. nitrate of strychnine for first three days twice, afterwards once daily; sleep returned; craving disappeared and wounds began at once to look better; no desire for liquor after 65 days.—*Russ. Med. Korona: alcoholism*: causes an aversion for liquor; no use in acute cases.—*Lond. M. Rec.*, March. Brunton: *hypnotic*: used in cases where the "patient is too tired to sleep;" dose, 1-200 gr. of the sulphate at bed-time.—*Practitioner*, Jan. *Chouffe*: antagonistic to antipyrin; has prevented the action of mortal doses of strychnine in guinea-pigs by injections of antipyrin.—*Le Prog. Méd.*, May 26. **McK.&R.** granules of strychnine, and sulphate of strychnine, 1-20 to 1-200 grain; arseniate of strychnine, 1-60 and 1-120 grain; the nitrate, 1-60 grain.



**Succinimide of Mercury.**—Vollert : *syphilis* : 19 to 35 injections of a one per cent. solution given to each patient in the course of treatment ; the injections are made daily into the right and left buttock alternately with a Pravaz syringe, the needle to run into the middle of the subcutaneous fat parallel to the surface.—*Therap. Monatsz.*

**Sulphonal.**—Kast : *hypnotic*: diethylsulphondimethylmethan ; dose, 30 grs.—*Berl. klin. Woch.*, April 16. Macvie : *soporific* : does not disturb heart-action ; dose, 15 to 30 grs.—*Med. Press*, Lond., June 13. Salgó : about equal to paraldehyde ; pleasant to take ; no disagreeable after-effects.—*Deut. M. Zeit.*, No. 52. Disagreeable effects have been noted in some cases.

**Sulphur.**—Knaggs ; *diphtheria* : B Precipitated sulphur, pure, 3 iss ; chocolate powder, 3 j ; cinnamon water (1 in 40) f ʒ i ; glycerin, ʒ iii ; dose, ½ to 1 teaspoonful every hour or oftener for five days ; sulphur also generally recommended in germ diseases.—*Therap. Gaz.*, March. Sulphur has also been used for sciatica neuralgia, etc. ; in these cases the affected part is covered with a thick layer of the flowers ; practitioners differ as to the results of this treatment ; a case of poisoning from two ounces taken internally in two days is recorded.

**Sulphurous Acid.**—Delon : *phthisis* : sulphur flowers are placed on hot coals and the fumes inhaled ; one case only, with a phthisical history ; apparent cure in three weeks.—*Lyon Méd.*, Feb. 1. Manby : *whooping-cough* : the room in which the child sleeps is fumigated as above during the day ; doors and windows being opened for some time before the patient goes to bed ; during the night the room in which the child plays in the day-time is treated in the same manner.—*Practitioner*, Aug.

**Talc.**—Debove : *diarrhœa* : impalpable powder in milk, 7 to 20 ounces daily for an adult ; not tested in children ; diarrhœa due to tuberculous lesions was followed by obstinate constipation.—*Bull. Méd.*, June 10.

**Tannin.**—Landoin, Duboué : *meningitis* : six grains daily ; other practitioners use 8 to 10 grs.—*Rev. de Thérap.*—Boulland : *dilatation of stomach* : dose, 3 grs. ; where constipation is present, 1½ grs.—*Brit. M. Jour.*, July 21.

**Terebene.**—Betrin : *cancer of uterus* : plugs steeped in the drug are placed in apposition to the ulcerated surface after washing and drying the parts.—*Med. Press*, Dec. 11. Cammann : *bronchial affections* : dose, 15 to 30 ʒ in mucilage, four times daily.—*N. Y. M. J.*, Nov. 10. **McK.&R.** terebene has been highly spoken of for its purity and effectiveness.

**Terpin Hydrate.**—James : *bronchitis* : dose, two grains every three or four hours.—*Lancet*, March 10. Houdart : *bronchitis* : as an expectorant 8 to 16 grs. ; in affections of the urinary tract, 2 to 8 grs. ; large doses must be avoided where renal disease is present.—*Bull. Méd.*, Aug. 22. **McK.&R.** pills 2 grains.

**Tetanine.**—Brieger : *ptomaine* : C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> ; from tetanus cases ; moderately toxic.—*Arch. de Ph.*, June 5.

**Tetanotoxine.**—Brieger : *ptomaine* : C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N ; tetanus cases.—*Arch. de Ph.*, June 5.

**Thalin.**—Dhercourt : *gonorrhœa* : 1 to 50 or 1 to 100 solution of the tartrate in naphthol water ; urethral injection of half a syringe of three times a day.—*Rev. Gén. de Clin. et de Thérap.*, July 19. **McK.&R.** can furnish both the thalin and concentrated naphthol water (from which the fresh can be prepared).

**Thallium Sulphate.**—Kreis, Goll : *gonorrhœa* : injections of 1½ to 2% solution ; the first injection must be allowed to flow off, and the second, immediately after, is retained for a few seconds ; bougies of butter of cacao are also employed.—*Der. Fortsch.*, Jan. 20, 1887.

**Thuya Occidentalis.**—Baratoux : *dermoid vegetations* : gives the tincture internally in doses of 20 drops and more, and paints the affected parts with the same ; in epitheliomatous affections of the larynx and pharynx, a spray of 1 to 20 solution in glycerin is also used.—*Rev. Clin. et Thérap.*, L. M. Rec., June. **McK.&R.** fluid extract.

**Thyme.**—Johnson : *whooping-cough* : one ounce of the common herb is boiled down from a pint and a half of water to a pint ; if there is much inflammation of the bronchial tubes, two drachms of pot. iod. and pot. chlorate are added to each pint ; dose, 1 or 2 teaspoonfuls every hour to infants.—*M. & S. Rep.*, March 17.

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**Ulexine.**—Bradford : *diuretic* : dropsy due to heart disease ; alkaloid from the common gorse.—*Lancet*, Feb. 4. To be used with caution in stricture, 1-10 gr. producing bad effects in such cases.

**Urochrome.**—Thudichum : the yellow coloring matter of urine.—*M. Press*, Lond., Nov. 28.

**Urotheobromin.**—One of the alkaloids of urine.—*ibid.*

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Menthol Camphor,	I	"	"	4	"
Naphthaline,	I	"	"	9	"
Naphthaline Camphor,	I	"	"	4	"
Naphthol Camphor,	I	"	"	9	"
Phenol Camphor,	I	"	"	4	"
Salol,	I	"	"	19	"
Salol Camphor,	I	"	"	4	"
Terebene,	I	"	"	4	"
Thymol,	I	"	"	9	"
Thymol Camphor,	I	"	"	4	"

\*Dr. Charles H. Knight (*Four. Am. M. Asso.*, Aug. 3, 1889) uses as a spray in laryngeal phthisis: Menthol, 60 to 90 grains dissolved in fluid albolene one ounce.

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