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—Dr. Charles H. Merz, the House Physician to University Hospital at Cleveland, Ohio, April 25th, 1887, said: I have made use of *Papine* for some time past, both in hospital and private practice, and find it a most agreeable substitute for morphine and opium. It is the anodyne *par excellence*.

THE INTERNAL TREATMENT OF GONORRHOEA.—At a late meeting of the Berlin Medical Society, Dr. Posner stated that although what had been learned about the gonococcus was extremely interesting, it had not given us much that was practical so far as treatment was concerned. Local anti-bacterian treatment had not yet been followed by brilliant results, and to-day we treat gonorrhœa with the old remedies, and combat it especially with the various forms of injections. These injections are not valuable in that they destroy the gonococci, but because they cure the inflammation of the mucous membrane. Internal medicines act beneficially by passing off in the urine and cleaning out the urethra. Dr. Posner speaks highly of Sandal-wood oil, which has such a reputation in France. He has used it much, because he has become convinced that injections, although they work very well in some stages of gonorrhœa, still are not well supported by many patients, and may, indeed, act injuriously. From the speaker's observations he believes that many gonorrhœas which would get well of themselves under a suitable regime are often kept up artificially by injections. He had used the Santal-wood oil in fresh cases, and could state from his own observations that, under all circumstances, it exerted a better influence on the disease than copaiba or any other oleo-resinous balsams. In those complications of gonorrhœa in which we have to cease injections on account of epididymitis, cystitis, prostatitis, etc., this drug is greatly to be recommended. Dr. Posner had repeatedly observed cases of acute catarrh of the bladder, with bloody or turbid urine, improve considerably and the urine become clear after a few doses of the Sandal-wood oil. In old cases of cystitis and prostatitis it was also beneficial and always acted favorably in tenesmus of the bladder and cleared up the urine. In chronic gonorrhœa, less stress was laid upon its beneficial action, but much depended on the purity of the Sandal oil, many qualities of which are found in commerce. The best form he had used was the French preparation known as SANTAL MIDY, put up in elegant little capsules, which were easily taken and well supported. The patient took daily from ten to twelve of these capsules, each of which contains five drops of pure Sandal oil. The German oil in capsules did not agree with the patient, a little hydrochloric acid might be added to the doses, and to improve its taste, a few drops of oil of peppermint. Altogether, according to the speaker's idea, pure Sandal-wood oil was the most efficacious internal remedy at our disposal. These remarks were confirmed by Drs. Casper and Lubinsky, who found it most successful.—(*Deutsche Mediz. Zeitung*, July 1886.)