

eliminator of uric acid. I have had under my care for some time a retired military officer, who suffers periodically with intense headaches, some gastric disturbance, and almost continuous passage of gravel per urethra. He has at different times passed quite large calculi per urethra, which were accompanied by much pain and hemorrhage.

He finds piperazidin the only drug that keeps the uric acid in solution, thus relieving his headache and lessening the formation of gravel and calculi. I have been obliged to restrict his diet to milk for a month at a time, which procedure is always followed by excellent results.

Thyminic acid is another drug supposed to keep uric acid in solution, and prevent its precipitation into the tissues. I know nothing of it from experience. In conclusion, I wish to emphasize the importance of recognizing the fact that uricacidemia holds the centre of the stage in many of our gastric dramas, and if we wish to exterminate him before the curtain falls, we must cut off his nutrition and bleed him.

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