

An Old Remedy Combined with a Newer One.

The *Massachusetts Medical Journal* recently published the following, which will no doubt be interesting to our readers:

"We believe that members of the medical profession should familiarize themselves with the combination tablet of antikamnia and heroin. The first of these, antikamnia, years ago established a prominent place for itself as a most reliable antipyretic, antineuralgic, and general pain reliever, while heroin is, by all odds, the most efficient of recent additions to our list of remedies. The advantages of this combination are fully illustrated by a report of cases submitted to us by Dr. S. Boone, Professor of Surgery and Pharmacology, College of Physicians and Surgeons, St. Louis. We reprint three of said cases, as each has some particular features which successfully called into use in a most beneficial manner the synergetic action of these two drugs:

"CASE 1.—J. P., athlete. Suffering from an acute cold. On examination found temperature 101° with a cough and bronchial rales. Patient complained of pain induced by constant coughing. Prescribed antikamnia and heroin tablets, one every four hours. After taking six tablets, the cough was entirely relieved. Patient continued taking one tablet three times daily for three days, when he ceased taking them, and there has been no return of the cough or pain.

"CASE 2.—Ed. H., aged 30. Family history—hereditary consumption. Hemorrhage from lungs eighteen months ago. His physician had me examine sputum; found tubercle bacilli. After prescribing various remedies with very little improvement, I placed him on antikamnia and heroin tablets, prescribing one tablet three times a day and one on retiring. He has since thanked me for saving him many sleepless nights, and while I am aware he never can be cured, relief has been to him a great pleasure and one which he has not been able to get heretofore.

"CASE 3.—Wm S., aged 28. Lost twenty pounds in last thirty days. Consulted me July 9th. I thought he most certainly would fall victim to tuberculosis. Evening temperature 101° with night-sweats and a very troublesome cough with lancinating pains. Prescribed 1-100 gr. atropine to relieve the excessive night-sweats and one antikamnia and heroin tablet every four hours, with the result that he has entirely recovered and is now at work as usual.

"Neither in these, nor in any other of my cases, were any untoward after-effects evidenced, thus showing a new and distinctive synergetic action and one which cannot help being beneficial."