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## COCAÏNE HYDROCHLORATE IN DISEASES OF THE NOSE AND THROAT.

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In October last, at the invitation of Dr. J. Solis-Cohen, of Philadelphia, I had the privilege of conducting with him in his consulting room an interesting experiment with cocaïne.

The case selected was one of hyperæsthesia of the larynx, and occurred in the person of a gentleman, a professor of Lafayette College. The solution used was of the usual 4 per cent. strength, and though it lessened sensibility it did not overcome spasmodic action on the introduction of a sound into the larynx. This was, in point of fact, my first practical experience of cocaïne.

Since then I have employed cocaïne solutions of varying degrees of strength almost daily, and recognize in it a most valuable aid to the treatment of disordered conditions of the upper air tract.

The great scarcity of the drug, and its almost prohibitive price, have at times rendered it difficult to obtain solutions of reliable strength and purity, and were I influenced by the results obtained from worthless samples occasionally supplied me, I should as unsparingly condemn as I now wish to commend it. The most reliable make is that of E. Merck, of Darmstadt, and if obtained sealed, stamped and in the original package, the alkaloid will invariably be found to give good results.

Solutions of cocaïne undergo, when a few days old, some slight change, and a deposit of a fungus takes place; but this, in my experience, does not in any way impair the activity of