

tors ought to be able to do this, but they are not—and whose fault is it? And even if they were, who but the sheerest crank would claim that he could properly write for, or the average druggist dispense, substitutes as elegant, as cheap and withal so satisfactory as many of the best type of the proprietaries? It is best to look all these facts squarely in the face and be sensible in our conclusions.

A PLEA FOR THE TABLET.

“In the first place, compared with pills, tablets have no insoluble coating nor, when properly made, have they any insoluble excipient added to their composition. For example, antikamnia tablets are made by simple compression, and, therefore, if the secretions of the human system affect the medicine administered, it is bound to be absorbed in the quickest possible time, which is always an advantage. Comparing tablets with capsules, greater accuracy in dosage is assured, as experiments have proven. For example, forty tablets of Bisulphate of Quinine, made on a machine, adjusted to five grains each, weighed $199\frac{3}{4}$ grains on a torsion balance. The most careful druggist knows it would be impossible to do this in filling capsules. The objections some have to tablets is readily overcome by crushing them before administration, and we are glad to know that the Antikamnia people take the precaution to state that when very prompt effect is desired the tablets should be crushed or chewed. Antikamnia itself is not unpleasant to the taste, and the crushed tablet can be placed on the tongue and washed down with a swallow of water. It so frequently happens that certain unfavorable influences in the stomach may prevent the prompt solution of tablets, that this suggestion is well worth heeding. This, however, does not apply to Antikamnia Tablets, for they disintegrate at once, as soon as they come in contact with moisture. Drop a tablet in a glass of water and be convinced of this. Proprietors of other tablets would have better success had they given more thought to this question of prompt solubility. Antikamnia are great favorites of ours, not because of their convenience alone, but because of their prompt and uniform therapeutic effect.”—*The Journal of Practical Medicine.*

BLOOD IMPOVERISHMENT.

In meeting that condition of the system embraced in the above headlines, is it not true that our first thought, and that to which our instinct naturally leads us, is iron; but, viewed from the standpoint of now accepted scientific facts, is this not looking at but one phase of the