



## RADIUM AND ITS ACTION ON CERTAIN DISEASES

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Radium was discovered in Paris by Dr. Curie and Mme. Skłodowska Curie in 1898.

In 1901 the action of radium was discovered by accident to M. Becquerel, who in 1900 was containing radium in his vest pocket. Five days later the skin lying beneath the vest had been resting was found to be inflamed, and M. Besmir attributed it to radium.

P. Curie then made a voluntary experiment. The experience was conclusive as to the action of radium on the skin, and thinking of the properties of radium had a decided effect, he confided a sample to M. Danlos, physician at the hospital. This was the point of departure for physiotherapy, and to-day the question of radium as a therapeutic agent are fully established.

As a result of earnest work on radium, carried on with much patience by Dr. Londe, a dermatologist of great note, physician at the hospital in Paris, and also at the surgical clinic of the Laboratory for Radium in Paris.

There are many workers who have contributed to the establishment of this Laboratory. When Dr. Wickham took charge of the Laboratory, great scientific acumen to bear up to the task personally and in collaboration with other workers. Through the principle of radium therapy, incident to its use has been eliminated, and has been more accurate, and in the hands of competent men the value of this therapy has been established on a firm basis. Dr. Wickham p

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