

In the title of this paper, hay fever is used in its popular sense, but the malady to which the treatment I have suggested applies is ragweed corasthma. I have several cases on record of golden rod and lily-of-the-valley corasthma, which have been cured by *solidago odora* and *convallaria majalis*, respectively, in three or four days; but, while these are interesting as contributive evidence, the old enemy, ragweed, is the recognized king of pollens, whose term of office begins August 12 to 20 in these latitudes, and whose cruel reign is only ended by the first frost.

If my theory be correct, that this "rhinitis vasomotoria-periodica" or "corasthma ambrosiæ" may be prevented by giving from two to ten drops of the tincture or fluid extract of *ambrosia artemisiæfolia* t. i. d. in water, during the two weeks preceding the paroxysm, I shall consider that I have heralded what I believe to be a great discovery, with becoming modesty. If, on the other hand, the results I have obtained are not verified by others, I may only say that greater men and more scientific observers have been misled by initial results that time did not substantiate. I should be pleased, however, to give to any physician who will conscientiously aid me in investigating the subject, such directions that he may experiment for himself upon severe cases, in order that a collection of reports from disinterested physicians in widely separated localities may be of benefit to the cause of scientific research.

In August, 1900, at my suggestion, the fluid extract of ragweed was combined with aromatics, in order to disguise its unpleasant taste and make it more palatable to the patient. With every bottle sent out in reply to inquiries from the profession, a blank, which read as follows, was enclosed:

### LIQUOR AMBROSIA.

#### FOR THE PREVENTION OF HAY FEVER.

This preparation is used to immunize those cases which, in these latitudes, are affected about the 15th to the 20th of August.

Cocaine must not be employed as an adjunct.

As this treatment, while affording extraordinary relief to the few cases upon whom it has been tried, is still in the experimental stage, the physician who uses this bottle of medicine will confer a favour by returning this blank,