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BENZOATE OF LITHIUM.

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This salt has been proposed as a remedy for certain disorders of the urinary organs and appears to possess advantages over the forms in which lithium has, heretofore, been exhibited. The comparative insolubility of the carbonate has always proved a bar to its general employment, and though the citrate is in this respect much more eligible—only twenty-five parts of water being required for solution—yet the salt is of an unstable and deliquescent character, and somewhat troublesome to prepare and dispense. The benzoate is not open to any of these objections, and has the additional advantage of containing, in combination, an acid which is itself of no inconsiderable repute in the treatment of patients suffering from various forms of urinary deposits.

This salt is not usually to be met with in commerce, but is not difficult to prepare. I am not, however, aware of any work of reference which contains any directions, or formula, for this purpose; and am, therefore, induced to believe that a few remarks on the subject may prove acceptable.