

Medical Therapeutics

Various Neuroses of the Larynx

In a "Note on Codeine," in the *Lancet*, Dr. James Braithwaite, of Leeds, says: "Codeine seems to have a special action upon the nerves of the larynx; hence it relieves a tickling cough better than any ordinary form of opium. One-half of a grain may be given half an hour before bedtime. It was in my own case that I first began to use codeine. For more than twenty years, usually once every winter, I have been seized with a spasmodic cough just before going to sleep, which becomes so severe that I am compelled to get up and sit by the fire. After an hour or two I return to bed and am free from the cough till the next winter. In other respects I enjoy good health. Many years ago I found that one-half grain of codeine, taken about two hours before bedtime, absolutely stops the attack and leaves no unpleasant effect the next morning. In cases of vomiting from almost any cause, one-quarter grain doses of codeine usually answer exceedingly well. In the milder forms of diarrhoea one-half to one grain of the drug usually answers most satisfactorily, and there are no unpleasant after-effects."

We find, however, that where there is great pain, the analgesic effect of codeine may not be sufficient, and a combination with anti-

kamnia is required. It is best given in the form of a tablet, the proportions being $\frac{1}{2}$ grains antikamnia and $\frac{1}{4}$ grain codeine. Sometimes chronic neuroses may be cured by breaking the continuity of the pain, for which purpose we have found this combination peculiarly suited.

Clinical reports in great numbers are being received from many sections of this country, which, while verifying Dr. Braithwaite's observations as to the value of codeine, place even a more exalted value upon the advisability of always combining it with antikamnia in treatment of any neuroses of the larynx, coughs, bronchial affections, excessive vomiting, milder forms of diarrhoea, as well as chronic neuroses; the therapeutical value of both being enhanced by combination. The tablets of "Antikamnia and Codeine," containing $\frac{1}{2}$ grains antikamnia and $\frac{1}{4}$ grain codeine, meet the indications almost universally.—*The Laryngoscope*.

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