

My observations with Pepto-Mangan, introduced to the profession by Dr. Gude, chemist, of Leipsig, are such as can be easily confirmed by any physician, since they were all made in private practice, and rest on bedside and office notes. I have used the preparation to a considerable extent ever since it was first brought to my notice, which I think was about two years ago. Owing to some specially good results obtained, I was led to the series of recorded observations on which this paper is based. They extend over four months of time, and embrace about fifty cases.

As a rule, I followed the directions issued by the manufacturers in its administration, giving to an adult a tablespoonful dose and to younger subjects a proportionate amount. Milk seemed to be the best vehicle, and immediately before or after meals a convenient time. In its relation to food, however, I do not think we need exercise any special care as to its administration. There were but few cases in which I found any disturbance of the digestive functions by these doses, but in several there was considerable constipation induced, and in one or two some diarrhea, as the apparent result of the drug. While my experiments in this direction have not gone far enough to beget firm convictions, I am of the opinion that in the main equally good results could be achieved by a smaller average dose, and in this way the small number of untoward results might probably be still further diminished.

In one series of twenty-three cases the patients were all married women, ranging from the ages of twenty-two to seventy, who were more or less anemic from various causes. In all but five the results were decidedly satisfactory, and of these one failed to report the second time, so that the result is not known. The other four were cases of advanced organic disease, in which no therapeutic procedure could have given decided results. In nine of the twenty-three cases the results might be classed as brilliant. In all of the others I am convinced that no other preparation of iron could have done more. The condensed details of a few illustrative cases from this series follow.

A woman of 65, during several years, had occasionally applied for relief from vertigo, frequent attacks of palpitation and general weakness and nervousness. She also had frequent long-continued attacks of diarrhea and some gouty manifestations in the joints. In November I found her very decidedly prostrated and anemic. She took the Pepto-Mangan in connection with a carefully regulated diet (chiefly albuminous) for six weeks, and gained steadily in strength and weight. At the end of that time her symptoms had disappeared, and she claimed to