

Dr. W. H. Walling, in the *Medical and Surgical Reporter*, July 14th, 1894, writes: "It seems to be the accepted opinion that the pathology of uric acid is more a matter of defective elimination than of excessive formation. Osler says, 'certain symptoms arise in connection with defective food or tissue metabolism, more particularly of the nitrogenous elements; and this faulty metabolism, if long continued, may lead to gout, with uratic deposits in the joints, acute inflammations, and arterial and renal disease.' Not getting the desired results, I was led to drop all the so-called antilithics, and rely simply and solely upon a single remedy—*Cascara Sagrada*. Repeated trials have convinced me that the faulty metabolism is more quickly remedied with this drug alone than with any other or combinations. Mrs. G., aged fifty-five, was for years subject to uric acid storms, and without getting relief. I exhibited the aromatic fluid extract, *Cascara*, made by Parke, Davis & Co., in ten to fifteen-drop doses two or three times daily as demanded, finally settling down to one single dose at the close of the day. The effect was not at once apparent, but within two weeks

there was marked amelioration of the aggravated symptoms, and in four weeks the swollen joints had almost resumed a normal appearance, the soreness having nearly disappeared. At this writing (two months having elapsed), there is no complaint whatever, but the remedy is continued. No change was made in the diet, as I desired to more fully test the remedy, and am fully satisfied that the good results were due solely to the *Cascara*. I have tried other brands of *Cascara*, but they have not been satisfactory, hence I have come to regard the fluid extract above alluded to as the only one upon which I can confidently rely. It never fails, hence my preference."

COLLODION FOR RHEUMATISM. --The following prescription is recommended by the *Journal de Médecine de Paris* for May 6, 1894:

R Salol . . . . .	4 parts.
Ether . . . . .	4 parts.
Collodion . . . . .	30 parts.

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