

which is found in pus corpuscles and to the presence of which the liquefaction of pus is due. Iodoform destroys the action of this peptone, and thus prevents diapidesis, by the liberation of iodine. Its action in this regard is identical with that of iodides of potassium and sodium, the former of which is, because of this property, regarded in Germany as a successful agent in the treatment of croupous pneumonia. By thus preventing diapidesis of leucocytes it prevents the formation of pus, the corpuscles of which have their origin in the white blood-corpuscles which find their way through the parietes of the blood vessels.

REMONSTRANCE OF AN ASYLUM SUPERINTENDENT.

On the suggestion of a doctor that those who associate with the insane transmit the disorder to their offspring.

Dear Doctor, I beg you—I pray you—don't tell us
That you really believe in an insane bacillus!
That in mingling with patients we're breathing an air
Full of germs of mad phrenzy and hopeless despair;
That, although our own minds may seem perfectly sane,
Parasitical growths will forever remain
In our system, infecting the blood and the brain;
So that if, by good luck, we ourselves don't go mad,
The child will inherit the germ of its dad!

Already, in truth, are our troubles enough,
Without being told this nonsensical stuff;
In peril from blows, in peril from flurry,
In peril from fire, in peril from worry,
In peril from Lunacy Board and Committee;
Are these not sufficient, dear sir, in all pity?
Forbear then to talk, I beseech you, until I
Have time to examine these wretched bacilli.
But if you insist on such growths diabolic,
Please send me a box of mental carbolic.

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—The value of the CHEMICALLY PURE hypophosphites in the treatment of consumption and similar diseases has of late years been very generally recognized. Dr. McArthur of Lynn, Mass., has prepared a chemically pure syrup containing these salts, which has been used with great success, and has received the endorsement of many prominent physicians. Full particulars furnished—to *physicians only*—on application.—*Boston Journal of Chemistry.*