

statement. Dr. Stillé, however, is careful not to risk his own reputation by recommending it.

7th. DYSENTERY.—Stillé says again that *Stoll* says that Arnica is a specific in this disease, so is Ipecacuanha, or was once thought to be, so is the extract of wild strawberry, Canadian Pain Destroyer, Carey's Drops, &c. Still this venerable Esculapius thinks it well to add opium and astringents to the main remedy. What the main remedy is supposed capable of doing itself does not clearly appear. It may do as much good as a weak solution of common resin in alcohol, but until I see it proved, I shall take the liberty of doubting it.

I cannot occupy your space in alluding to the alleged marvelous operation of Arnica in Epilepsy, varicose veins, scurvy, amaurosis, anaesthesia, and the like, but will conclude by a word or two concerning its use in ordinary bruises and Ecchymoses. This in fact was the purpose to which the plant was originally applied, and almost the only point claimed to which its healing agency had a direct reference. To prevent the discovery of its comparative inertness, Tilden recommends a Formula consisting of Aconite, Muriate of Ammonia, and Arnica,—an excellent mixture, no doubt, and if the main remedy be omitted, I challenge any intelligent surgeon to discover it from the action of the lotion, unless made specially aware of it.

Arnica used to be a fashionable application to the condition vulgarly known as a "black eye." It is still so used by many, and with a fair result,—nature and the diluted alcohol seldom failing to make a good job. Let any man, however, try a solution of sal ammoniac, or even of its equivalent sodium compound, in diluted alcohol, and if not as well satisfied with the result, as from the use of Arnica, I will confess that Messrs Tilden & Bates, and the whole eclectic world, have at least in one point, been grossly slandered by me. Dr. Garrod knew this at an early period of the history of this drug, and acted upon the knowledge of the fact to expose the spurious claims set up in favor of Arnica.

"If used in Epilepsy, combine it with gelseminum, nux vomica, and capsicum, if in Dysentery, with opium and sugar of lead, in Paralysis with ergot, strychnia, belladonna, and electricity, in bruises, with aconite to relieve the pain, and