

upon, I must truly say that I *never*, after a practice of thirty years, knew it to fail.

In the present epidemic I have treated about fifty cases—all but one were uncomplicated with other diseases. The exceptional case, a child four years old, had capillary bronchitis, and possibly very circumscribed pneumonia, and for several days death seemed imminent, but recovery took place. Most of the cases had had the usual symptoms of bronchitis for several days before I prescribed for them—in short, the disease was fully developed. I began by prescribing the extract in as large doses as I thought the patient would bear, and increasing it at every successive dose until the pupils were fully dilated, and then kept them dilated, being careful to tell the friends to watch the effect and omit the medicine in case any dangerous symptom supervened. I have never seen any ill effects from it. In a majority of the cases that characteristic scarlet flush or efflorescence appeared, and with it an abatement of the cough, or of its spasmodic character. In a few cases I gave opium with the belladonna, or alternately. In that case the dilation of the pupils will not be witnessed, if they be given in about the medium dose of each—they balancing (not neutralizing) each other. I believe it is now generally conceded that those narcotics, which we call mydriatics, are antidotes (or *nearly* so) to those that produce contraction of the pupil, and *vice versa*. But, perhaps, more experiments, or more experience, are wanting to verify this. I, however, think it probable that we may find it advantageous to prescribe the two together sometimes, thus avoiding the bad effects of either, while the good are obtained. This is no new principle in medicine, I am aware, and for a long time I have acted on that principle in reference to quinine and opium—considering one an anti-congestive, while the other is congestive in its effect.

Now, although I have not proved Brown Sêquard's saying, that whooping-cough can be cured in three days, I verily believe it can be cut short; and there is no more need of whooping-cough continuing for months than there is for ague continuing an indefinite length of time when plenty of quinine can be found.—*Western Journal of Medicine*.

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We have received from Messrs. Francis Cundell & Co. samples of Pepsine Porci, and Pepsine wine. These are from the well known house of Messrs. Savory & Moore, London, Eng. We need not allude to the action and uses of this remedy, as our readers are fully aware of the beneficial results to be obtained by its employment. The preparations can be had of Messrs. C. & Co., the Pepsine in half ounce bottles, and the wine in variable quantity.