

and in spite of the great advances in general medicine during the same period, there has not as yet been proposed any remedy which can successfully compete with iron in the treatment of anemic and generally devitalized conditions. This metallic element, in one form or another, is still the sheet anchor in such cases, and when intelligently administered in proper form and dosage can be depended upon to bring about marked improvement, provided serious incurable organic disease is not the operative cause of the existing blood impoverishment. The form in which to administer iron is, however, very important. The old, irritant, astringent marital medication has had its day, and properly so. Probably the most generally acceptable of all iron products is Pepto-Mangan (Gude), an organic combination of iron and manganese with assimilable peptones. This preparation is palatable, readily tolerable, promptly absorbable, non-irritant and still distinctly potent as a blood builder and general tonic and reconstructive.

TANLAC.

A new panacea for the cure of all ailments of the stomach, kidneys and liver, catarrhal affections, of the mucous membranes, rheumatism, nervous disorders, and the like is offered to the public under the name of Tanlac. The label on the bottle neatly avoids the Pure Drug Act by claiming to be only a "tonic and system purifier". An analysis of Tanlac in the laboratory of this Department shows the following:

Alcohol	16.4 per cent.
Glycerin	2.0 per cent.
Licorice	Present
Aloes or Cascara	Present
Gentain	Present
Alkaloids (Berberin)	Trace

The presence of a trace of tartaric acid shows that wine is the base of this medicine. The 16 per cent. alcohol gives it the "kick" that makes a fellow feel good and ought to fill a long felt want in "dry counties". Aloes is a laxative. Gentain is a bitter drug, a so-called tonic. If the reader wants to be cured by the Tanlac route at one-fourth the expense, let him get a quart bottle of good sherry, and 2 drams each of aloes, gentain, licorice and carcara. Mix (if you wish) and you will have Tanlac so near that neither you nor the manufacturer can tell the difference. This formula will give four times the quantity found in an ordinary \$1 bottle of Tanlac.—*Special Bulletin No. 53, Dairy and Food Dept., Michigan, Feb. 12th, 1916.*