

a number of the more powerful alkaloids and such agents as aconite, arsenic, etc., and with the most satisfactory results. Our experience has been such as to warrant a complete faith in the reliability of these preparations. The certainty of the physiological effects following the use of the more powerful agents when given by the stomach in this form closely approaches that of the same agents when given hypodermically. This is to be attributed to their rapid disintegration and absorption. It may be said that in tablet triturates we have a mode of administering drugs by the stomach, possessing nearly all the advantages, with none of the disadvantages, of hypodermic medication. The recent list of triturates issued by John Wyeth and Brother includes all the leading medicinal agents at present employed.

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—The Government of this Province propose to amend the Act respecting lunatic asylums. The phraseology of the proposed bill is of such character that we find it impossible to make out its meaning. It is to be hoped that the contemplated changes will be an improvement on the present state of matters. They cannot well be a backward step, for nothing can be much worse than the methods of managing the insane in this province.

—The profound disturbance of metabolism after an epileptic storm is shown by the researches of Rivano, who found, as the result of the examination of the urine in six epileptics, a mean increase of urea to the extent of nine per cent. The phosphoric acid was increased to thirty-three per cent. Even in attacks of *petit mal* there was a distinct increase in the urea and phosphoric acid.

—The Société de Médecine Legale of Paris have passed the following wise resolution: "We hope that public exhibitions of hypnotism will be forbidden by law, owing to the numerous accidents they produce in innocent persons, which compel them to seek medical treatment for months." We hope that a similar law will be enacted in Canada. No country stands in greater need of it. Our lay press will have to be educated beyond their present scientific standard before we can expect