

bona fide electrotherapist from the cloud of suspicion which threatened to completely overshadow him, and the subject is now rightly regarded as one which is deserving of the closest attention.

In order that the present satisfactory status of electro-therapy should be maintained, it is essential that all engaged in its application should keep certain salient facts prominently before their minds.

1. Always attempt to arrive at an accurate diagnosis. Do not be satisfied with labelling a case "neuritis" or "rheumatism" until every possible causative factor has been excluded, and if any such factor is discovered insist upon its adequate treatment.

2. Empiricism is bound to result in disappointment, failure, and ultimate retrogression of what should be one of the most scientifically progressive branches of medicine. The theories of the action on the tissues of electrical agents should be thoroughly mastered, and the line of treatment to be adopted in every case should be governed by their application.

3. A fairly large proportion of the cases which are sent to the electro-therapist have already shown themselves resistant to other lines of treatment; some of these will respond to electrical treatment in a most gratifying manner; others, which may appear to be identical in their clinical features with the former group, will resolutely resist all efforts to procure amelioration. Therefore be exceedingly guarded in giving a prognosis, and never hold out rash promises of a speedy cure.

4. Never prescribe electrical treatment in a case where no improvement can result; and in cases which are incurable, but capable of relief, always give the patient a frank estimate of the benefit which he may reasonably expect to derive from such treatment.

The changes which can be induced by electrical