

interest as illustrating the seventeenth century method of treating gunshot wounds:

“In the year 1534 Johannes Philippus Schmid, captain of the watch at Ulme, was wounded with a bullet through the shoulder in the battle near Nordingen, and coming to Ulme fell into the hands of an unskilful chyrurgion, who kept open the orifices of the wound, not with tents, but with a seton passed through, which caused so great a pain that gangrene followed upon the inflammation; to whom coming by chance, I presently removed the seton and applied a cataplasm made of the meal of mallows and rose-water, and keeping his belly open with a lenitive glyster, for revulsion sake, I took away seven ounces of blood from his left arm, which was bilious and serous; and the next day the gangrene amending, the patient took a potion to purge choler, which gave him ten stools. The ingredients of the potion were syrup of roses, extract of rhubarb, diacarthamum, magistery of tartar, and ‘burrage water.’ The wonderful efficacy of this cataplasm, the patient being recovered, thinks he can never enough commend, and ascribeth to it the sole preservation of his arm.”

MEDICAL PREPARATIONS

THE PNEUMONIA CONVALESCENT.

In spite of all the modern advances in scientific therapy, and the improvements in the general handling and management of acute infectious diseases, acute lobar pneumonia still deserves the title ascribed to it by Osler: “The Captain of the Men of Death.” There are, however, especially during the fall and winter months, many cases of the lobular or irregular pneumonia that so often complicates or follows la grippe. When this condition supervenes it is more than likely to follow a sub-acute or chronic course and convalescence is frequently long delayed. Under such circumstances, in conjunction with treatment designed to hasten resolution, a general blood tonic and vitalizing agent helps materially to shorten the convalescent period. Pepto-Mangan (Gude) is of much value in this field, because it not only increases the solid elements of the blood, but also acts as a true tonostimulant to the organism generally. As Pepto-Mangan is free from irritant properties and constipating action, it is especially serviceable in the reconstructive treatment of the devitalization following the pneumonia of the aged.