

THE TREATMENT OF NEPHRITIS WITH ANTIPYRIN.—Modinos (*Gaz. degli ospedali*, December 20, 1896) says it is not yet determined whether the various forms of nephritis are distinct diseases or variations of the same disease. Though the causes are various, the general conclusion that all cases of true nephritis are due to bacterial infection seems warranted. The multiplicity of remedies employed furnishes the most palpable evidence of the uncertainty that obtains as regards the etiology of the disease. Not one of them—tannin, sodium tannate, gallic acid, salts of lead, potassium iodide, salts of strontium, fuchsin, methylin blue, tincture of cantharides, etc.—has gained the general verdict of possessing any pre-eminent degree of efficaciousness. In the treatment of the various forms of nephritis we must endeavor above everything to stimulate the action of the kidneys, and, furthermore, to

check the development of toxic products, and to neutralize the toxins already evolved. For accomplishing the first two-ends, a milk diet is best suited; for the neutralization of the toxic products contained in the urine, the author recommends antipyrin as the suitable remedy. After many experiments with this drug, he has found it useful in most varieties of nephritis, whether acute or subacute, primary or secondary, and also in nephritis of the postmalarial type. He gives from twelve to twenty grams daily in divided doses. Under this treatment the quantity of albumin in the urine was found to diminish, and, in a remarkably short time, to disappear altogether, together with the symptoms of renal intoxication.

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