

day of administration, and its maximum is reached by the third or seventh. Neither a cumulative nor an irritative action on the renal parenchyma was observed. Diuretin, Dr. Frank thinks, has a certain, if feeble, stimulant action on the heart. Though it is not to be compared with digitalis, yet of all known diuretics, he considered it the best, and far superior in its effect to calomel, caffeine, acetate of potash, etc. He mentions, as unpleasant results of its use, in one case a slight diarrhoea, and in another vomiting. He thinks that, in combination with digitalis or other heart-tonics, it may prove serviceable in even the most severe cases. Ruggieri (*Deutsche Med. Zeitung nach Riforma Medica*) gives his experience as to the value of diuretin in eighteen cases. He found that its diuretic effect was most marked in cardiac cases and least in nephritic, while no effect was observed in hepatic cirrhosis. He gives no information as to the dose of the drug or its probable mode of action. In his opinion the tolerance for the drug was unsatisfactory, headache, nausea, dizziness, and diarrhoea resulting from its employment in many cases.—*International Med. Mag.*

THE MEDICAL CAREER AND HAPPINESS IN LIFE.—What are the conditions of happiness in a man's life, and how far are these satisfied by a medical career? The first is satisfaction of the ordinary wants—the enjoyment of the simpler comforts and freedom from care for the future of himself and his family. Unfortunately I cannot say that the medical profession affords all of us such a livelihood as to assure us from pecuniary anxiety and the means of providing for a family, but I can say that the general level of comfort and security among medical men is high and the proportion of wrecks and failures low.

Another element of happiness is the consciousness and the prospect of advancement in life. This most of us enjoy. At first our patients are the poor at hospitals and dispensaries, or members, perhaps, of clubs, or parish paupers. We have little or no remuneration for our work, we are unknown, we are held in little respect, and enjoy small consideration. But this does not last long; patients of a better class seek our aid, among our patients we find friends. . . . As long as he lives and wherever his life may be cast, the medical man goes

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