

EXCERPT FROM AN
ORIGINAL LECTURE

—ON—

The Treatment of Dyspepsia

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"Pepsin was of great value in the treatment of dyspepsia, if certain points were attended to in prescribing it. It would not do to simply write down 'Pepsin.' Pepsin by itself unqualified had no meaning, and it was essential to indicate distinctly what brand of pepsin was required."

The lecturer stated that "during the last two years he had carefully tested all the pepsins of which he had been able to obtain specimens. The results were simply startling. Of two different kinds of pepsin, equally popular and equally well known, one was found to be five or six times as active as the other."

"The best pepsin was 'Fairchild's.' Bullock's came next and then Squire's."

"The French and German pepsins were a long way down in the list, and could not be compared for one moment with either the English or the American."

"Of late years a great deal has been written about carica papaya as a digestive agent; but, as a matter of fact, papaw juice could not compare in activity with the best pepsin."

"The best papin examined had about half the activity of the best pepsin, as shown by experiments made both in acid and alkaline solutions."

"The plan of predigesting milk and other articles of food with pancreatic extract answered admirably, and should also be resorted to in intractable cases."

MORAL—Prescribe Fairchild's Pepsin.