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—After using *Tongaline* for several years in the treatment of neuralgia and neuralgic rheumatism, I am convinced that it is a meritorious compound and possesses curative properties superior to any other remedy.—*Thos. H. Craven, M.D., Canon City, Colo.*

THE TREATMENT OF ULCERS.—An article appeared in the *London Medical Record* for December 15, 1887, giving interesting details of the treatment of ulcers by phosphoric acid, as shown by the experience of Dr. Grossich. By his method of treatment, he used a ten per cent. solution of pure phosphoric acid in distilled water. The ulcer is covered with a bit of lint dipped in this solution, and the dressing renewed three or four times a day. The patient for the first few minutes feels a slight burning sensation, but this soon passes, and within twenty-four or thirty-six hours the ulcer cleans and looks better. Inflammation or eczema of the surrounding parts disappears, and all pruritus ceases. The ulcer cicatrizes rapidly, and the cicatrix is firm and healthy. Kollischer treated tubercular affections of the joints with injections of the phosphate of lime, with great success. Dr. Grossich has also had good results with this treatment, and cites some very interesting successful cases. The treatment by the solution of phosphoric acid was further employed in a case of tuberculous abscess of eight months' duration, and also a case of eczema marginatum which had lasted more than a year, and good results followed. The above suggests the superiority of Horsford's Acid Phosphate as a substitute for the phosphoric acid. The effective acidity of this preparation is about the same as the ten per cent. solution of phosphoric acid which is prescribed in the above treatment, and it may therefore be justifiably employed by the profession in the treatment of disorders of this character. It has the advantage of containing the phosphates in solution, notably the phosphate of lime. It follows, then, that all cases that require the phosphoric acid treatment can be more advantageously treated by Horsford's Acid Phosphate, and the suggestion is hereby commended to the profession.