

of this disease we have a crucial test by which the rational physician can be separated from the irrational one, the medical sheep from the goats. The former recognizes in his patient a man with all his powers and needs, affected with a disease, and does everything to conserve the man, and through him combat the disease with well directed medication, or other means. The latter sees only a disease, turns the man into a chemical laboratory wherein everything is tried, so that it soon becomes a mooted question, which is the more dangerous agency, the doctor or the bacilli.

Drugs are valuable adjuncts in treating consumption, but each case calls for its own special medication.

The question of climatic change is of paramount interest. On the threshold of this subject it can be positively asserted, from the evidence of the varied stages and conditions in which patients are sent, and the places to which they are sent, that 95 per cent. of our doctors know practically nothing about the so-called health resorts. Now, this ignorance is excusable, for a knowledge of these places can only be had from experience. But the most stupid, and, for the patient, the most pernicious thing, is sending a lot of medicine, with instructions to take it, and depend on climate and out-door exercise for all the rest. This advice is interpreted to mean that he is not to seek medical aid. He finds himself under new conditions, when the medicine and exercise are both prejudicial. He gets worse, becomes discouraged, falls an easy prey to quacks, and not until he has been robbed and become helpless that he comes under proper medical care. Now, the remedy for this is, choose as wisely as we can, and then insist upon our patient putting himself at once under the care of a reputable physician. There can easily be found at every health resort medical men who have acquired a large professional experience elsewhere, but, becoming victims of the disease themselves, have also learned a great deal from personal experience. It has been the writer's privilege to meet some twenty or thirty of these physicians at different places, and no more competent and reliable men could be found anywhere.

One great danger at these health resorts is the possibility of infection or re-infection. Rooms with furnishings and utensils that become vacant through death or removal of a hopeless case, are occupied the next day by new-comers, without an attempt at disinfection, unless a physician has been consulted.

The chief characteristics of these southwestern resorts—Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and California, may be briefly summarized. There are large tracts of desert. These are hot and dry mountainous