

MEDICAL PREPARATIONS, ETC.

THE ANEMIA OF THE NEPHRITIC PATIENT.

Like that of any organic disease or constitutional infection, is secondary in nature and is caused by, or is dependent upon, the original lesion or infection. There is, however, another element to be considered in this connection, *i.e.*, the influence of an iron-poor milk diet in increasing the degree of anemia from which the patient suffers. It is pretty generally conceded by authorities and clinicians of experience that a bland milk diet is best suited to the needs of the nephritic invalid, as the damaged kidneys are thus spared the irritation which results from the excretion of the products of the metabolic changes of the meat proteids, etc. It is well known, however, that milk contains but an infinitesimal proportion of iron and the patient who subsists entirely upon this fluid for any length of time, is deprived of the food-iron that is normally supplied to the blood to maintain its hematin and hemoglobin. This deficiency can be readily made good by administering Pepto-Mangan (Gude) both during and after the milk diet period. This palatable, organic, ferruginous compound is entirely free from irritant action upon the kidney and it does not disturb the digestion or cause constipation. The essential iron is supplied in tolerable and promptly assimilable form, and the use of the remedy does not, in any way, interfere with such other treatment as the physician may see fit to adopt.

RHEUMATISM DUE TO GRIP.

In speaking of the treatment of articular rheumatism, Hobart A. Hare, M.D., Professor of Therapeutics in the Jefferson Medical College and editor of *The Therapeutic Gazette*, says: "Any substance possessing strong antipyretic power must be of value under such circumstances." He further notes that the analgesic power of the coal-tar products "must exert a powerful influence for good." The lowering of the fever, no doubt, quiets the system and removes the delirium which accompanies the hyperpyrexia, while freedom from pain saves an immense amount of wear, and places the patient in a better condition for recovery. The researches of Guttman show conclusively that these products possess a direct anti-rheumatic influence, and among those remedies, antikamnia stands pre-eminent as an analgesic and antipyretic. Hare, in the latest edition of his *Practical Therapeutics* says: "Salol renders the intestinal