

various unpleasant symptoms have been experienced by the patient as Vertigo, diplopia, ptosis, difficulty of moving the tongue, stiffness and trembling of the hands, numbness of the fingers, chilliness and general malaise, vomiting, and last though not least, dyspepsia. Even when the doses did not exceed seven grains of the extract.—*Practitioner*.

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*Sulphide of Calcium, a Remedy for Diabetes.* By J. M. ELBOROUGH SCATLIFF, M.B.

Some few days since I was called to see a medical friend (well known to the profession) who was suffering from a localised inflammation threatening to terminate in suppuration. He was also the subject of diabetes, for which he had on a former occasion undergone the usual treatment (bran-bread, etc.) at the hands of an eminent London physician.

Together with the onset of the inflammation above referred to he had an aggravation of all the diabetic symptoms come on, and he was, when I saw him, passing quarts of water night and day (sp. gr. 1028). At my request he tried Dr. S. Ringer's treatment (calc. sulphide one-eighth grain *ter die*), first in the form of powders mixed with sacch. lactis gr. iij., and afterwards in pills (made by Mr. Cox, of Brighton). He *immediately* experienced great relief. Two days after he was passing only a normal quantity of water (eq. gr. 1023.5), and felt "quite comfortable." He had kept to his ordinary diet, and had not in any way avoided any amylaceous foods at the time.

I find that Garrod speaks of the sulphide of ammonium as useful in diabetes, but only in so far as it "controls the morbid appetite"; but here was a case in which the whole train of morbid symptoms was cut short in a quick and decisive manner by the calcium sulphide.

The inflammation also terminated in resolution, no pus forming. The patient *most emphatically* attributed his relief entirely to the action of the sulphide.

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