

## A FEW POINTERS.

Dunham writes: " 'Aconite' is never to be given first to subdue the fever, and then some other remedy 'to meet the case'; never to be alternated with other drugs for the purpose, as is often alleged, of 'controlling the fever.' If the fever be such as to require 'aconite' no other drug is needed. If other drugs seem indicated, one should be sought which meets the fever as well, for many drugs beside 'aconite' produce fever, each of its kind."

Dr. Nash, writing of "arsenicum," says: "In typhoids there is no remedy that prostrates more. 'Carbo veg' and 'muriatic acid' equal it, the difference being that the 'arsenic' patient wants to be moved constantly, while with the other two remedies there is almost utter absence of any such show of life." The "arsenicum" patient is weak out of "all proportion" to the balance of his trouble, and it is of a "general character."

Phosphoric Acid, Stannum and Sulphur:—The weakness complained of calling for either of these remedies is local in character and is confined to the chest.

Phosphorus:—Patient complains of "weakness" in abdomen.

Ignatia, Hydrastis, Sepia:—The "weakness" of these three remedies is complained of as being in the stomach.

Gelsemium. General "weakness" of the muscular system.

Belladonna:—The pains of Belladonna appear suddenly and after a time disappear as suddenly as they came.

Sulphuric Acid:—The pains of Sulphuric Acid begin slowly and decline suddenly.

Lachesis:—One of the best remedies for headaches caused by exposure to heat of sun.

Veratrum viride:—Dr. Nash says: "I once cured a man of a very severe and persistent attack of vomiting, which was aggravated on rising, with this remedy."

Veratrum album:—One word describes the conditions calling for this remedy and that one word is "collapse." "Skin blue, purple, cold, wrinkled, remaining in folds when pinched; face hippocratic, nose pointed; whole body icy cold; skin, face and back cold; hands, feet and legs icy cold; cramps in the calves."

Capsicum: "It is also a good remedy

for dysentery, or the later stages of gonorrhoea, or in throat complaints, when there is great 'burning' in the mucous membrane of the affected part. In short, it is a remedy to be remembered in all affections of mucous membranes in any locality. The characteristic 'burning' is not like that of 'arsenicum,' but feels as if 'red pepper had been applied to the parts': nor is it relieved by heat applied, as is that of 'arsenic.'"

Stannum: "These pains are ameliorated by pressure, like 'colocynth,' so if colocynth fails, which is generally first thought of in abdominal pains relieved by pressure, 'stannum' may relieve, and especially if the attacks have been of long standing or the patient seems to have a chronic tendency thereto."

Lobelia as a local remedy in stricture. Dr. Boskowitz asserts in the "Hom. Recorder," August 15, 1900, that lobelia will cure spasmodic stricture "as it by magic," and in permanent stricture where it is impossible to pass the smallest sound, the difficulty will be overcome after a single application of the drug. He drops into the urethra about fifteen drops of lobelia, then closes the meatus and holds the lobelia in the urethra for a few minutes. He has constantly employed this treatment for several years in cases of stricture and with uniform success. Medical Times.

Gelsemium and Belladonna:—Gelsemium and belladonna are both classed as sedative, antispasmodic and narcotic. Gelsemium, however, is sedative to the cerebro-spinal system, while belladonna is stimulant to it. Gelsemium relaxes; belladonna contracts. The former increases secretion; the latter decreases secretion. Gelsemium relieves delirium; belladonna produces it. Gelsemium is indicated where the face is flushed, the eyes bright, the pupils contracted; when the heat of the head is increased and the patient excited and restless. Belladonna fits the case when the patient is dull and stupid from capillary impairment; when the eyes are dull, not bright, the pupils dilated, not contracted; the skin is red, perhaps dusky, the patient is dull and sleepy, which may lead to coma. When the urinary secretion is free and insipid, belladonna is indicated; while if it is scanty, much colored and heavy, gelsemium is the remedy. Am. Homoeopathist.