

Whatever be the accepted views of the pathology and etiology of hay fever, there is little difference of opinion concerning its importance and the severity of its symptoms. An agent that is capable of controlling the catarrhal inflammation, allaying the violent paroxysms of sneezing and the abundant lacrimation, cutting short the asthmatic attack when it becomes a part of the clinical ensemble and, finally, sustaining the heart and thus preventing the great depression that usually accompanies or follows the attack—in short, an agent that is capable of meeting the principal indications—must prove invaluable in the treatment of this by no means tractable disease.

In the opinion of many physicians, the most serviceable agent is Adrenalin. While not a specific in the strict meaning of the word, Adrenalin meets the condition very effectually and secures for the patient a positive degree of comfort. It controls catarrhal inflammations as perhaps no other astringent can. It allays violent paroxysms of sneezing and profuse lacrimation by branching the turbinal tissues and soothing the irritation to the nasal mucosa which gives rise to those symptoms. It reduces the severity of the asthmatic seizure, in many instances affording complete and lasting relief.

There are four forms in which Adrenalin is very successfully used in the treatment of hay fever: Solution Adrenalin Chloride, Adrenalin Inhalent, Adrenalin Ointment, and Adrenalin and Chlorotone Ointment. The solution, first mentioned, should be diluted with four to ten times its volume of physiological salt solution and sprayed into the nares and pharynx. The inhalent is used in the same manner, except that it requires no dilution. The ointments are supplied in collapsible tubes with elongated nozzles, which render administration very simple and easy.

It is perhaps pertinent to mention in this connection that Messrs. Parker, Davis & Co. have issued a very useful booklet on the subject of hay fever containing practical chapters on the disease, indications for treatment, preventive measures, etc. Physicians will do well to write for this pamphlet, addressing the company at Walkerville, Ont., or at branch—378 St. Paul St., Montreal, Que.

After All

You're the butt of many a joke,

Doctor-man;

We hand you many a poke,

Doctor-man;

But when we're feeling ill

We're not satisfied until

We've partaken of your pill,

Doctor-man.

That your ignorance is great,

Doctor-man,

We very freely state,

Doctor-man.

But when the microbes on us land,

And the germs have us unmanned,

We'd have you close at hand,

Doctor-man.

We meet your bill with squalls,

Doctor-man;

Charge you with needless calls,

Doctor-man;

But if baby's taken sick,

Or Marjorie or Dick,

We forget it mighty quick,

Doctor-man.

So, in spite of all our slams,

Doctor-man,

And our funny epigrams,

Doctor-man,

And though frequently we doubt you,

And say mean things about you,

We can hardly do without you.

Doctor-man.

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