

NOTES ON SPECIALTIES.

TOXAEMIC ANAEMIA.

It is now generally recognized by both pathologists and clinicians that an auto-toxaemia, resulting from the systemic absorption of the products of intestinal putrefaction, will, if sufficiently long continued, induce a general devitalization of the circulating fluid. Such a condition is by no means uncommon, although often unrecognized. Under such circumstances it is, of course, quite idle to attack the anaemic blood condition primarily, or until the toxic cause of same has been measurably corrected by proper attention to the gastro-intestinal tract. The causative factor being once removed or materially modified, restorative and hematonic measures are distinctly indicated. It is especially desirable in such cases to avoid the administration of drugs that tend to derange the digestion, and the ordinary inorganic, metallic salts of iron should not be given, as they frequently prove irritant, astringent and constipating. Pepto-Mangan (Gude) is the ideal hematonic in any condition in which the integrity of the digestive functions must be conserved and maintained, as the necessary iron and manganese are promptly absorbed without irritating the gastric mucousa or inducing a constipated habit. Because of its distinct palatability children always take it readily.

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A CONSERVATIVE HOUSE.

Some of the members of the medical profession would open their eyes

could they look over the files of the Denver Chemical Mfg. Co., manufacturers of Antiphlogistine, and see the many, many requests for window hangers, store advertising, etc., which they are constantly refusing. This company could get an almost unlimited amount of advertising, good advertising too, at no expense, except for the printing of the cards or booklets, if they did not have too great a pride in the honourable position which they occupy as purveyors to the medical profession. Perhaps they feel the ethical requirements of their position more keenly on account of the personnel of the company. Half the members of the board of directors are physicians, who have spent each of them many years in active practice, the president of the company being an ex-president of his State Society, and the head of the advertising department is himself a physician, and was for many years secretary of his County Society.

With such a personnel, it is not surprising that the advertising is not only strictly ethical, but even ultra-conservative in spirit.

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DISEASES OF WOMEN AND THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER.

The general practitioner or family physician is the one usually first consulted in reference to menstrual irregularities and diseases of women. The tendency to refer these cases to specialists takes from the general practitioner much practice which he

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