

He has learned his community; he knows what he can do without offence, and how best to acquire its good-will. He knows best how to set forth the knowledge he has to its best advantage. Take all you can of his method; it is the result of experience, and pay him that deference when you meet him that you yourself would like to receive from the classman of 1945 freshly filled with the new doctrines of which you will have only heard through your journal." *Journal American Medical Association.*

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BACTERIOLOGISTS are useful assistants, but they are tyrannical masters, and the results of a given treatment must after all be judged, not in the laboratory, but in the hospital ward and the sick-room. A check must be imposed on garrulous bacteriologists who show a disposition to ride the cockhorse among us. We are grateful to them for such assistance as it may be in their power to render to medical science, but we cannot allow them to dictate to us what conclusions we are to draw from clinical investigation. Bacteriological statements are matters of inference, but clinical observations are facts—facts, too, which concern us more nearly than the interesting, but too often contradictory, deductions which foreign laboratory men foist upon us at the point of the scalpel.—*Medical Record.*

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SIC TRANSIT GLORIA MUNDI.—The glory of the Klebs-Löffler bacillus is passing away. The culture test which was to supersede the clinical observation of the disease, and upon which the diagnosis of diphtheria was to be made, has proven a flat failure, and the New York Board of Health has dropped from its circular, announcing the result of the bacteriological examination, "the case is therefore one of true diphtheria," when the Klebs-Löffler bacilli are found. We understand that another step forward has also been made, and that now no patients are sent to the hospital unless the clinical manifestations of the disease are present to corroborate the bacteriological report. It is only a question of time when the bacteriological investigation will be dropped and another fad will have come to an ignominious end.—*Pittsburg Medical Review.*

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IN RE TABLET TRITURATES.—A very seriously objectionable feature in the tablet triturate has recently been brought to light by a surgical operation performed in England, and mentioned in the *Pharmaceutical Journal*. The patient, under qualified medical