

The extract manufactured by Parke, Davis & Co. is reliable. On inquiry they inform me that every lot they get from India is tested on animals to ascertain if it has its proper physiological action before it is marketed.

One need not be afraid of a fatal result. All authorities agree that enormous quantities are required to kill, and no fatal case is recorded. Nor have I read of any case where the drug habit has been brought on by its use.

Locally.—I believe the drug is not used locally, although it is an ingredient of a powder to be used by insufflation in hay fever, recommended by W. H. Beverly.

Stomach.—The drug is recommended in gastralgia. A pill containing cannab^s indica and bismuth is sometimes given in irritable or painful conditions of the stomach.

In migraine Ringer said that no single drug had given him such good results. That was years ago, and since then antipyrin and its congeners have largely taken its place. Still, a recent author expresses surprise that it is not more often used for this disease at the present day. It may be used in a full dose to abort an attack, or it may be used in small doses three times a day for some weeks to lengthen the intervals between the attacks. Ringer ventures to think that it affects the centre from which the attacks spring, since it seems to have a good effect, no matter what the nature of the peripheral irritation acting upon the centre. Other medicines may be combined as needed, as for example iron in anæmia, or aloes in constipation.

Respiratory System.—This remedy is considered a valuable one to add to cough mixtures, being especially useful in coughs accompanied by or due to tickling of the throat. In asthma it is useful, though of course there are other and better remedies. In phthisis it is highly spoken of for purposes of euthanasia.

Skin.—I do not remember having seen any reference to the use of this medicine in pruritus, but from its action in producing anæsthesia of the skin would expect it to do good and intend to try it in suitable cases.

Nervous System.—In neuralgia of various kinds it often succeeds. In mania it is recommended, combined with bromide of potassium. Dr. Sinclair, of the Hospital for the Insane, says he seldom uses it owing to its uncertain action. In neurasthenia and melancholia it often gives great aid in bringing about a successful result.