

I believe, has an important bearing upon the future of pharmacy. The Council can go no further as they are created by Government solely to carry out the provisions of the Act, and to see that every man or woman of even mediocre ability may have an opportunity of qualifying himself or herself for a pharmaceutical chemist. We cannot to the slightest extent limit the output, or foster or protect our business by interfering in trade and commerce as a body.

In a future article I may give you my reasons for believing that the practice of medicine and pharmacy should unite to stamp out these proprietaries, because they are secret and uncertain in their effect and very expensive, thus destroying the confidence of the young doctors whose prescriptions show how they run blindly riot among them for a time, and whose therapeutic effect is largely confined to the shock to the nervous system of the patient when he gets his bill, drawing him over to homeopathy. The reflex action upon the doctor is even worse for the druggist. He no longer looks for results, but forthwith proceeds to buy a stock of drugs from one of the embryo manufacturers whose principal merit is cheapness, whose iodide of potassium is largely bromide, whose *spts. ath. nit.* is methylated, and whose *paragoric* is aqueous, and everything else to accord. He buys his vials second hand and his stable boy does his dispensing. How many such cases do you know of? In striking contrast is the old time practitioner whose confidence and faith in the science of medicine is reflected in his simple and inexpensive prescription of the preparation of the pharmacopœia. We would then be fighting for a principle that would benefit the public, the medical profession and ourselves. Again I ask you to arouse yourself and come out and help us. Very respectfully,

JOHN J. HALL.

Woodstock, Dec. 8th, 1891.

Therapeutic Notes of Interest to Pharmacists.

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Camphoric acid seems to have come to stay as a therapeutic agent. It is now used to reduce the excessive sweating of consumptives.

Tuberculin has been given a careful study by Dr. Karl von Ruck, who draws the following conclusions in an extensive article (*Southern Medical Record*): "The remedy is probably only an aid, but a most important one. It can never be employed in a routine way without incurring various dangers, and cannot be depended upon to the exclusion of proper management and climate and other means which are equally important aids to the local and general nutritive processes, and to the prevention of relapses, all of which constitute, and ever will constitute, the successful means for the cure of pulmonary tuberculosis, until we come in possession of a true specific, which can at once

eradicate not only the tubercular disease, but also the predisposition to its acquirement, by conferring immunity against its extension and against reinfection."

As a diet for adults with heart disease, Dr. Hoffman proposes $4\frac{1}{2}$ pints of milk per day.

Fright and grief at best are not very desirable emotions for man or beast. Dr. G. Bassi has investigated the pathology of grief and concludes that it may so interfere with the proper nutrition of the tissue that toxic substances are formed and produce death. Jaundice is mentioned as one of the results of fright.

Turpentine has great antiseptic properties and has been used to sterilize surgical instruments.

Scurvy is a disease not very common at present. A new treatment is an exclusively milk diet. The amount at first is four glasses per day, but this is increased daily until the patient consumes all that is wanted. The trouble is that scurvy often occurs on shipboard when good fresh milk cannot be obtained.

Hiccough is a troublesome symptom that has many so-called "cures." One that is said to be efficient in spite of its shot-gun appearance, is the following:

Subnitrate of bismuth... 45 grs.
Oxide of zinc... 60 grs.
Valerianate of zinc... 60 grs.
Powdered columbo... 60 grs.
Powdered opium... 1½ grs.
Spirit of anise to flavor.—Mix.

The dose is half a teaspoonful in a wine glass of sweetened water.

Slight but persistent hemorrhage is controlled by Dr. Ferguson with 15 drop doses every two or three hours of a mixture of equal parts of alcohol and oil of turpentine with 1 part of sulphuric acid carefully added.

The eyes are injured by typewriting is the pith of several items now going the "rounds." This is rather startling news to those who have adopted typewriting in preference to the pen as a means of saving the eyes. Dr. Geo. L. Freeman has used a typewriter for ten years, and says: "Are not most people, while awake, constantly adjusting the organ to different distances, with as much rapidity as when looking at 'the little key-board?' From my own experience, I am firmly convinced that physicians, instead of finding fault with these admirable contrivances, ought to be the strongest advocates of their more extended employment."

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