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## MEDICAL PREPARATIONS

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### FALLACY OF PHLEBOTOMY.

A few decades since, bleeding or phlebotomy was the universal practice with physicians in the treatment of pneumonia. This procedure usually served to reduce the fever and inflammation, and at least tended to give temporary relief by lowering the temperature and pulse rate. This was frequently misleading, as the temperature and rapid pulse beat would often return in a few hours with renewed activity, thus proving the fallacy of the procedure. In many cases of pneumonia the patient is anemic and phlebotomy is detrimental and positively contra-indicated, the loss of the vital fluid only made it the more difficult for the patient to recover. However, at the present time there is no necessity for phlebotomy, as we have in our hands an agent which accomplishes all of the good effects of phlebotomy with none of the possible evil effects. The preparation, Antiphlogistine, applied over the chest wall bleeds the patient into his superficial capillaries—and may be used with much benefit on all cases of pneumonia.

“Recently I was called to see E. C., a girl of 8 years. On careful examination I diagnosed the case as one of pneumonia, with all the characteristic symptoms of this disease. Her condition was critical. Pulse 150, temperature 105. The first step was to at once apply Antiphlogistine warm and thick, enveloping the thoracic wall completely. I gave a few small doses of calomel, Dover’s powders and ipecac; then veratrum viridi and salicylate of sodium. On my visit the following day I found my patient somewhat improved. I ordered a fresh application of Antiphlogistine every 12 hours. The case continued to improve and in seven days the girl was so much better I dismissed the case. I consider Antiphlogistine the *sine qua non* in the treatment of pneumonia.

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