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STRONTIUM AND ITS SALTS.

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That the profession have in strontium salts remedies of great therapeutic value is my firm belief, and my experience with them in practice during the past two years has very materially strengthened my faith in them. It has been a surprise to me in conversation with quite a number of my colleagues to find that they are so seldom prescribed. That they have been of such signal help to me in my professional work, and that so little has been said and written about them of late, is my only excuse for bringing the subject before you to-day.

There seems to be an impression that there is more or less danger in the use of the strontium salts from their toxic effects ; this is wholly an error, as has been proved by the researches of such men as Professor Germain See, Dr. Constantin Paul and Dujardin-Beaumetz, who found that, in every instance where conflicting reports and toxic effects have been reported from their use, they were due to the presence of barium, which is found in the commercial product. When I have prescribed these remedies I have always used the pure salts (Paraf-Javal) or their solution prepared by P. Chapoteaut of Paris. At present I think Strontium and its salts are unofficinal in the *pharmacoopœia*, but, nevertheless, the discovery of their therapeutical properties and the good