

are very indignant that he should be sacrificed for having expressed to the President his honest convictions.

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Naphthalin is a remedy which does not seem to have the general use which its merits deserve. In certain forms of diarrhoea it seems particularly serviceable. In the case of a young man at the University Hospital who had had for many months a troublesome diarrhoea, except when upon a most restricted diet, naphthalin, gr. v, in capsule, five or six times a day, relieved the condition in a couple of weeks. It seems specially adapted to cases with flatulent dyspepsia and intestinal indigestion. In two cases of large bowel trouble it did no good. In the diarrhoea of phthisis it is useful, and Dr. Peabody of New York tells me that he has found it very advantageous in typhoid fever. A case of painful dyspepsia which had resisted the usual remedies, yielded in a short time to the capsules. It may be administered also in from 5 to 15-grain doses with charcoal and glycerine.

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We have been sadly disappointed in Strophanthus, the new heart tonic. In cases of various forms of heart disease it has been practically without influence. We have used the tincture, of Burroughs & Wellcome and of Parke, Davis & Co. The dose, placed at from two to six minims, was increased to 25, and in one instance to 30 minims, without appreciable effect. In one pneumonia case it did seem to strengthen the pulse and lower the fever, but the patient was taking large doses of alcohol at the same time.

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Antifebrin continues to prove a prompt and reliable antipyretic, and I see by the reports that it has been very satisfactory in the hands of those who have used it in London and Edinburgh. It seems to have some power also in controlling epilepsy. Dr. Weir Mitchell tells me that he has been using it with advantage, and I see that Lepine has recommended it in the lightning pains of tabes. In one of Dr. Mitchell's cases, taking grs. x, t.i.d., there was slight cyanosis.

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The Philadelphia Orthopædic Hospital and Infirmary for Nervous Diseases opened a new building on the 19th ultimo—probably the most completely equipped special hospital in the country. The institution has always been well managed, and the Department for Nervous Diseases, under the fostering care of Dr. Weir Mitchell, has rapidly developed. To his kindness we are indebted for a complete outfit of apparatus necessary for the study of the morbid physiology of the nervous system. The accommodation is about 110 beds, including a number of private rooms.

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