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## MEDICAL PREPARATIONS, ETC.

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### A TRIUMPH IN PILL-MAKING.

Parke, Davis & Co. confess that their soft-mass pill, which is now receiving so much favorable attention from the medical world, was for a long time a "hard nut" to crack. They had set out to produce by the soft-mass process a pill that should be a credit to their house and to manufacturing pharmacy. The task at first seemed simple enough. Here, as elsewhere, theory and practices were at variance. As a matter of fact, a good deal of experimentation had to be done. Time was consumed. Money was expended. In the end, of course, ingenuity triumphed.

In structure the soft-mass pill, as manufactured by Parke, Davis & Co., consists of a plastic mass encompassed by a thin, soluble chocolate coating. It may be flattened between the thumb and finger like a piece of putty. An important advantage of the soft-mass pill is the readiness with which it dissolves or disintegrates in the digestive tract. Another commendable feature is that, no heat being applied in the process, such volatile substance as camphor, the valerianates, the essential oils, etc., are not dissipated, so that any pill embodying one or more of these substances may be depended upon to contain just what the label says it contains.

Parke, Davis & Co. are putting out close to twenty formulas by the soft-mass process—all of them listed, we believe, in advertisements now appearing quite generally in the medical press.

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### WINTER WEATHER SUGGESTIONS.

The great prevalence of coughs at present, especially those of grippal origin, makes it not amiss to present a suggestion and a remedy. In place of remedies which always dry up expectoration, disturb digestion, cause constipation, and render the patient uncomfortable and drowsy, it