

vital assets must be conserved; timely deposits of negotiable funds must be entered to the credit of the impaired balance. The vital bank account of the depleted anemic, the over-tired, over-worked neurasthenic, the chronic dyspeptic, the exsanguinated surgical patient, the marasmic infant and the exhausted convalescent are all in need of such deposits of vital energy. As the round gold "coin of the realm" is the standard of financial value, so is the round hemoglobin-carrying, oxygen-bearing red corpuscle of the blood the circulating medium of all vital exchange and interchange. To avert an impending physical bankruptcy, there is urgent need for the adoption of prompt measures to increase the deposit of these necessary erythrocytes. Pepto-Mangan (Gude) quickly adds to the circulating medium, by constructing new red cells and reconstructing those that have retrograded because of over-drafts of force and energy. It increases the appetite, stimulates and encourages the absorption of blood-building nutritive material, augments the hematinic richness of the circulating fluid, increases the number and establishes the structural integrity of the corpuscular elements of the blood. It thus successfully plays the rôle of the depositor of vitality to the account of the patient who needs such essential additions to his or her physical credit.

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A VALUABLE THERAPEUTIC AGENT.—One of the principal subjective symptoms of any disease, or disturbance of nature, is pain, and what the patients most often apply to us for, is the relief of this annoying and troublesome feature. If we can arrest this promptly, they are much more liable to trust to us for the remedies which will effect a permanent cure. The everlasting resort to morphine is overcome in a great measure by the employment of reliable coal tar products. In cases of intermittent fever it is best to prescribe doses of one or two antikamnia tablets when the first chill comes on. I also find them most valuable in controlling headaches of a neuralgic origin. Rarely more than two tablets are necessary; the pain is promptly dissipated and the patient can go about as usual. The tablets of antikamnia and codeine, I consider the best and most useful in controlling severe pain. I have used them after surgical operations as a substitute for morphine, and find them eminently satisfactory. In controlling the severer forms of neuralgia they rank next to morphine itself.—C. P. Robbins, M.D., Louisville, Ky., Assistant to the Chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Chief of Clinic, Hospital College of Medicine, in *Medical Progress*.