

inserting in it a pledget of cotton wool soaked in carbolic acid liquefied by the addition of an equal quantity of water. A pledget of dry wool should be placed over the carbolized wool, to retain the acid. The aching usually ceases in a few minutes, but may recur after a few hours, to be again relieved on a reapplication of the carbolic acid. A very few repetitions commonly suffice to make the cure permanent. But of course the hollow tooth should be stopped, if possible, afterward. A gentleman came to me one day in terrible agony from a raging neuralgia located in the part of his lower jaw from which he had lately had several teeth removed. I applied to the gum rather less than half a grain of cocaine in powder. In a minute or so he exclaimed, "It is gone!" and the changed expression of his countenance showed how complete was his relief. Better still, the neuralgia never returned, though he had previously suffered from it at intervals for a considerable time. Probably the permanence of the cure was attributable to a quinine mixture which I also prescribed. It would, however, be unwise to give the patient a prescription for cocaine or a quantity of the drug to be reapplied p.r.n. Such a course would involve no little danger of setting up a habit leading to cocanism. Persons who have been for some time deprived of a proper allowance of sleep, from any cause, are very liable to be painfully reminded of the existence of any bad teeth which they may happen to possess by an attack of dental neuralgia. If this is not soon relieved by appropriate means it tends to aggravate and perpetuate itself by still further depriving the patient of sleep. I have found the following prescription very useful in such cases :

R. Quin. sulph.....	gr. ii
Acid. hydrobrom	m. xv.
Tr. gelsem	m. xv.
Syrup	℥ iss.
Aq. ad.....	℥ j. t.d.

I have seen a raging toothache completely relieved in a few minutes by a single dose of two grains of exalgin. It is best given in solution. Half a drachm of rectified spirit will dissolve as much as gr. xx of exalgin, and this does precipitate on dilution with water. Exalgin is, however, a somewhat uncertain remedy. Sometimes it is a brilliant success, and sometimes it is an utter failure. There is a kind of toothache which comes on after taking food, when the contents of the stomach are naturally acid. This is often relieved with quite astonishing rapidity by the administration of an alkali. The best way is to give a seidlitz powder, minus a quarter of the acid, so leaving an excess of alkali. In a typical case of this kind the pain ceases instantaneously—almost as soon as the effervescing draught is swallowed. But of all medical remedies for toothache I