

Yet in all probability still greater variations exist in leaves purchased in the open market.

Standardization reveals the strength of the digitalis preparation and permits of graded dosage—more or less—according to the potency of the preparation. The physician's duty to his patient does not end with the prescribing of digitalis. Plainly it is incumbent on him to secure digitalis effects if the case is a suitable one. This is more likely to be accomplished if the potency of the preparation is known.

We are also brought face to face with another fact, that the name of this or that firm does not always insure potency or digitalis effect. As we have shown, American leaves can be secured which are unsurpassed. The answer to the question of potency is to be found in standardization, which is essential to the best treatment.