

ment was rapid and continuous, resulting in her complete recovery in less than two months. I have used this treatment in numerous cases, and always with eminent success. I have no reason to change. Glyco-Thymoline is certainly the ideal alkaline antiseptic, and I am glad to recommend it to all my fellows in the treatment of all catarrhal diseases.

THE PROTEID IRON PREPARATIONS OF THE NATIONAL FORMULARY.

Apropos of this subject, Dr. Robinson, editor of the *Critic and Guide*, has some trenchant things to say in the June issue. Very much to the point are his quotations from a paper by Professor W. H. Harrison of the Northwestern University School of Pharmacy, Chicago, entitled, "Notes on Proteid Iron Solutions." This paper appeared in *The American Journal of Pharmacy* for April. In reference to the three principal proteid iron preparations, he writes as follows:

LIQUOR FERRI PEPTONATI.

"The present National Formulary formula yields a product which is a thick red-brown liquid, with a very *disagreeable gluey** odor. It is clear in neither reflected nor transmitted light, and of such a colloidal nature as to render filtration impossible even under greatly increased pressure. The taste is at first pleasant, followed by a strongly *alkaline* and *ferruginous* aftertaste, which persists."

He then proceeds to show the reasons why a good preparation is impossible. The chief trouble lies in the peptone, of which it is impossible to obtain in the open market satisfactory or uniform specimens. Whether obtained from meat or fish albumen they "are prone to *rapid putrefaction* and yield iron combinations of most *offensive* odors."

Of *Liquor Ferri Peptonati cum Mangano*, which is openly and frankly intended as a substitute for *Pepto-Mangan Gude*, and on which substitute an immense amount of time and labor has been expended, the author has the following to say:

LIQUOR FERRI PEPTONATI CUM MANGANO.

"When made according to the present formula, with the materials obtainable on the market, the National Formulary preparation may be described thus:

"A dark brown *sluggish* liquid, with a most *offensive* odor, not unlike a mixture of *ammonia* and *putrefied beef extract*. Taste *alkaline*,