

THE OPSONIC THEORY

Demonstrates the Scientific Value of

Antiphlogistine

(Inflammation's Antidote)

THE resisting power of the body against disease is relative to the opsonic value of the blood and the severity of a localized disease process depends largely upon the retardation of the flow of the blood to the part.

The phagocytes may gather, but unless the full amount of the normal flow with its opsonins, resisting power is lost and suppuration takes place. We must either increase the opsonic index of the blood so that the small amount flowing through the infected part may be of normal opsonic value, or, what is simpler and as effective, dilate the blood-vessels and let the blood, with nature's own method of combating disease, circulate through the area desired.

Heat dilates the blood-vessels, but to be effective it must extend to the periphery of the infected area. when it will not cause suppuration by increasing the bacteria. An antiseptic poultice is the best method of conveying heat. There is but one method of poulticing, and that is with the antiseptic, hygroscopic, plastic-dressing--

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