

Publishers' Department

AN ANNUAL VISITOR.—We have just passed through our annual epidemic of la grippe, which, as usual, claimed its victims among all classes and conditions, mainly, however, among the classes where the resisting power was below par, or among sufferers from some chronic ailment. While the sequelæ and complications of this disease may assume almost any phase of acute inflammatory character, its primary effect is upon the nervous system. Therefore, we have no hesitancy in saying, no matter what the local inflammation may require as a medicine, by all means give antikamnia tablets as a nerve sedative and to relieve the muscular pains always present. We have seen a violent cough of bronchitis treated upon the general plan, with the cough as distressing at the end of twenty-four hours as at the beginning, promptly yield to six antikamnia tablets during an interval of six hours. La grippe usually requires a double treatment, one directed to the influenza, and the other devoted to the complications present, be they of the respiratory organs or digestive tract. In all cases antikamnia tablets will be found to perform a prominent and successful part and purpose.—*Medical Reprints.*

AMPUTATION OF THE THIGH UNDER HYOSCINE-MORPHINE-CACTINE ANESTHESIA.—I wish to report the successful use of the hyoscine, morphine and cactine combination as a general anesthetic in an amputation of the thigh in the upper one-third.

The tablets used were those put up by The Abbott Alkaloidal Company, and contained Hyoscine Hydrobromide, gr. 1-100, Morphine Hydrobromide, gr. 1-4, Cactin, gr. 1-67. Injections (hypodermic) were given two hours, one hour, and half an hour before operation. Anesthesia was ideal and complete throughout operation and for several hours afterward. No ill effects whatever were noticed at any time. Muscular relaxation was not so complete as in ether or chloroform anesthesia, so that after the operation no subsequent contraction of flaps took place, and there was no more tension on the stitches afterward than at the time they were put in.

If this anesthetic will work in all cases as well as it did in this and numerous others reported in the medical journals, it