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A THERAPEUTIC MAINSTAY.—The distinct and definite therapeutic value of iron, in anemic and chlorotic conditions and as a general tonic in systemic devitalization from whatever cause, is one of the certainties of medicine that modern scepticism and therapeutic nihilism cannot deny or controvert. The only difference of opinion is as to the best method of administering this metal and as to the most generally eligible preparation of same. Modern pharmaceutical skill has replaced the tincture of the olden times, prepared from iron filings, with the non-irritant and thoroughly tolerable combinations with organic substances. None of these products have proved as generally acceptable, promptly assimilable or therapeutically efficient as Pepto-Mangan (Gude), the first and best preparation of the peptonates of iron and manganese in organoplastic form. Its remedial value is unquestioned and unquestionable. It is suitable for administration to patients of all ages. It is thoroughly palatable and acceptable. It does not irritate the gastric mucous membrane or disturb the digestion. It does not induce constipation. Pepto-Mangan (Gude) rapidly restores oxygenating power to the circulating fluid and fulfils every possible therapeutic indication that can reasonably be expected of it.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MORPHINE AND CODEINE AND HEROIN.—A short time ago the Board of Health of the city of New York, promulgated an ordinance providing that "No cocaine or salt of cocaine, and no morphine or salt of morphine, either alone or in combination with other substances, shall be sold at retail by any person in the city of New York, except upon the prescription of a physician." Immediately every druggist in the city stopped the sale of all preparations containing any derivative of opium and raised such a furore, that the Acting Commissioner of the Board of Health felt called upon to explain what every druggist ought to have known, viz., that "Heroin and Codeine are not salts of morphine, and therefore are not included in the proscribed list." In order to make this matter perfectly clear, the following on the subject of opium is submitted for the information of the many who have been laboring under the misapprehension that Codeine and Heroin