

RESULTS TELL THE TALE.

WHERE VARIOUS SYSTEMS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF BEING TESTED SIDE BY SIDE.

Many people good naturedly admit that for the treatment of the diseases of children and for mild cases amongst adults, Homœopathy may be a very harmless system to follow. But when something serious takes hold of a strong man the remedy must be one in accordance with the gravity of the case, and no mentally properly equipped man will trust himself to the folly of the little sugar coated infinitesimals of the Homœopathic doctor. Out of the fulness of his experience and knowledge, the latter can afford to smile good naturedly at the expression of such heretical opinions, for he knows they have no foundation in fact, and that all that is needed to demonstrate their fallacy is the opportunity. Such an opportunity is furnished in the administration of Cook County Hospital, which is situated at Chicago. This Hospital is attended by the practitioners of the three schools, Allopathic, Homœopathic and Eclectic, and the patients are assigned to each school in the following proportion. Out of every thirty patients, 19 are assigned to the Allopaths; 6 to the Homœopaths, and 5 to the Eclectics. The nursing is done by the Illinois Training School for nurses, and is the same for all patients. The internes are Allopathic 12, Homœopathic 4 and Eclectic 4. The cases discussed in the following table are taken from the first of January 1895, and are traced back until each school has had, and treated to a conclusion an equal number of cases in each disease considered.

DISEASE AND SCHOOL.	No. of Cases.	Lost.	Saved	Approximate Percentage of Loss.
Tetanus (Lock-jaw)				
Allopathic School	12	10	2	83
Eclectic	12	7	5	57
Homœopathic	12	2	10	17
Lobar Pneumonia.				
Allopathic	20	12	8	60
Eclectic	20	8	12	40
Homœopathic	20	3	17	15
Emergency Surgical.				
Allopathic	20	14	6	70
Eclectic	20	13	7	65
Homœopathic	20	9	11	45
Gynecological.				
Allopathic	26	7	19	24
Eclectic	26	4	22	15
Homœopathic	26	1	25	3
General Surgery.				
Allopathic	20	8	12	40
Eclectic	20	7	13	35
Homœopathic	20	4	16	20

It will be noticed that while the results show the infinite superiority of the Homœopathic practice there has been no disposition to select diseases peculiar to children or those of a mild type affecting adults. Lockjaw and pneumonia must be considered sufficiently serious to test the efficacy of any given school of medicine. The Homœopaths are prepared to submit their system to the most severe comparative tests.

A TEST IN PHARMACAL "ETHICS."

Mr. A. E. Schubert of Fostoria, Ohio, in the course of a paper on pharmacal ethics, relates this account of a practical test of the professional integrity and competency of retail druggists in a given section of his state—a section, by the way probably the equal in professional intelligence and honesty of the average community in Ohio and other states. "I espoused the thought," remarks Mr. Schubert, "that it would be a capital idea to write a prescription of easy composition and analysis, to see how many druggists would fill it correctly. I set to work immediately mailing to each of fifty physicians one of the prescriptions, at the same time asking him to write it as a prescription of his own, send some friend with it to his druggist to have it filled, a copy taken and returned to me with the compounded prescription. Out of the fifty requests sent out, I received thirty-seven answers. The prescription called for a three-ounce preparation, but placing them side-by-side I found twenty-one to be three-ounce preparations, seven were in size four ounces, while the rest ranged in size from five to eight ounces. It was to be an emulsion; nineteen were of that composition, the remainder were far from being true to that name. In color, when correctly filled, it would be nearly white; of these twenty-two were true in color, while the remainder ranged from a steel gray to nearly all the known hues. The principal active ingredient was the acetate of morphine; thirteen only contained this, the remainder principally contained the sulphate. Out of the entire number returned, eleven were found to be filled correctly. The remainder were base substitutions, either through ignorance or intention. Of the eleven that were correct, nine came from the hands of Ph. G.s, the remaining two were compounded by old and reliable druggists in the city. Of the twenty six not properly filled we found five Ph. G.s, the remainder being country druggists having very little experience in this line and located, with but few exceptions, in towns of 6000 inhabitants and less."