

IN SPITE OF TEACHERS AND TEXT-BOOKS.

The days of the cotton jacket and the linseed poultice seem to be past. Perhaps the applications valued most highly by medical teachers at this time are the cold ones, either in the form of ice-bags or cold compresses frequently changed. These, when placed over the seat of disease, seem to give decided relief, to modify the temperature, and to hasten early resolution. But in spite of their advocacy in the text-books, the rank and file of the profession do not take to them kindly.

Antiphlogistine now enjoys perhaps greater popularity in the treatment of pneumonia and other acute respiratory diseases than any other local application. This popularity seems to be well deserved. It may not modify the course of the disease to any great extent, but it certainly proves of the greatest comfort to the patient, and helps to ameliorate some of the troublesome symptoms which are characteristic of the disease. Antiphlogistine must therefore be considered a distinct addition to our therapeutic armamentarium.—*The Medical Standard*, March, 1904.

THE TREATMENT OF SYMPTOMS.

In a highly interesting article on this subject, Walter M. Fleming, A.M., M.D., of New York City, uses the following language:—

“Long experience in the treatment of diseases in their incipiency, evidences beyond all debate, that almost invariably the attack in a large proportion of cases is inaugurated by febrile symptoms of greater or lesser severity. Also, it may be noticed, that constipation or torpid inactivity of the bowels prevails. Therefore, the first indication in the incubation or incipiency of the attack, of almost any form or nature, is primarily to allay the fever, pain-nervousness and solicitude of the patient, and secondarily to empty the alimentary canal. These two ends being accomplished, a long advance towards a possible abortive issue of the attack has been made, or in any event, the first indication and requirements are fulfilled, in proper progress toward a cure.

Thus in the primary treatment of the numerous ills, which are characterized by the above quoted symptoms, the physician will find Laxative Antikamnia and Quinine Tablets at once handy, convenient and reliable, safe and sure, and to which the turbulent symptoms of fever, constipation, pain-sleeplessness, nausea and generally wretched depression yield so promptly and gracefully, that it is certainly refreshing to the physician himself to note the change in his patient from suffering and solicitude to comfort and quiet. I certainly know of no other remedy which will so readily and decisively allay and control the symptoms above enumerated.”