

## PUBLISHERS' DEPARTMENT.

### FEMALE NEUROTICS—THEIR TREATMENT.

Prof. Chas. J. Vaughan, Chair of Gynaecology, Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons, writes: "Cerebro-nervous affections peculiar to women associated with pathological disturbances of the reproductive organs are legion, and most trying to physician and patient. Physicians are aware of the wide prevalence of these nervous disorders, for comparatively few women are entirely free from some phase of the ailment. Neurasthenia, neuralgia and other manifestations, either of an active or passive character, are common and are always peculiarly rebellious to treatment. Neuralgia constitutes the great cause of danger from the employment of hypnotics and narcotics, which only afford relief by numbing, but effect no cure. On the other hand, the formation of a drug habit rather aggravates the condition from which relief was originally sought. I have found nothing so well suited to these cases as five-grain antikamnia tablets, administered in doses of from one to three tablets and repeated every one, two or three hours according to the attendant's judgment. These tablets not only afford complete relief without fostering a drug habit, but they do not endanger weakened hearts. Their exhibition is attended with no unpleasant after effects. I use them in preference to any other preparation in the treatment of female neurotics and experience demonstrates that they are safest and best."

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### DECEIVING THE PALATE.

In a recent issue of a medical journal appeared the following item:—

"A somewhat clever ruse, practised for the purpose of administering cod-liver oil to those who object to it, is described as breaking up a conspiracy among the patient's olfactory, optic, and pneumo-gastric nerves. The patient probably confesses he likes sardines so without his becoming aware of the trick, the preservative cotton-seed oil is emptied away and the sardine box is filled with fresh cod-liver oil, of which every day the patient unconsciously takes a substantial amount."

About the same time that the above appeared in print another authority vouchsafed the information that "a ferruginous water, prepared by keeping a few iron nails in contact with water for a few days, serves to fully prevent the odor and taste of cod liver oil from being noticed. The mouth is to be rinsed with the water both before and after taking the oil."