

ture. Ordinary poultices soon become cold, clammy and uncomfortable to the patient and lose any remedial effect they may have had, before becoming cold.

Antiphlogistine acts, through the cutaneous nerves upon the inflamed area, as a powerful stimulant to the blood-vessels and lymphatics, promoting elimination of morbid products. It supplies, by natural, physiological processes, regenerative material to the parts already suffering from that condition of perverted nutrition, which is a part of the inflammatory process.

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#### A VALUABLE MECHANICAL LAXATIVE.

In view of the many varieties of liquid petrolatum with which the drug market abounds, and the questionable quality that distinguishes much of it, physicians will welcome the announcement that Parke, Davis & Co. are supplying a product, under the designation of Liquid Petrolatum Heavy, that bears a substantial guaranty of purity and efficiency.

Liquid Petrolatum Heavy, P., D. & Co., is a product of high specific gravity and great lubricating power. It is tasteless, colorless and odorless, and is guaranteed to be free from sulphur compounds, acids, alkalis and all harmful by-products.

Liquid Petrolatum Heavy is not a purgative. Neither is it a laxative in the general sense of stimulating the bowel by local irritation. Its function is that of an intestinal lubricant. It passes in toto through the alimentary tract, not a particle of it being digested or absorbed. It mingles with the food in the stomach and upper intestinal tract, with the result that the feces becoming thoroughly lubricated and pass through the lower bowel more rapidly than they otherwise would and are expelled from the colon more promptly and with greater ease. Not the least valuable feature of this liquid petrolatum is its protective effect on the stomach and intestine, it being well known that abrasions or irritations of the mucous surfaces permit bacterial infection and general toxemia.

Liquid Petrolatum Heavy may be taken with a pinch of salt or a dash of lemon juice, if the patient so desires, or it may be floated on a glass of water, wine, milk or other beverage. The dose recommended adults is one or two tablespoonfuls morning and night, before or after meals, for the first two or three days. Later the amount may be diminished. To insure against possible mistakes, physicians will do well to specify "P., D. & Co." on their prescriptions.