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**THE PNEUMONIA CONVALESCENT.**—While the course and progress of acute lobar pneumonia is short, sharp and decisive, the impression made upon the general vitality is often profound, and apparently out of proportion to the duration of the disease. Even the robust, sthenic patient is likely to emerge from the defervescent period with an embarrassed heart and general prostration. In such cases the convalescent should be closely watched and the heart and general vitality should be strengthened and supported, and this is especially true as applied to the patient who was more or less devitalized before the invasion of the disease. For the purpose indicated, strychnia is a veritable prop upon which the embarrassed heart and circulation can lean for strength and support. As a general revitalizing agent is also needed at this time, it is an excellent plan to order Pepto-Mangan (Gude), to which should be added the appropriate dose of strychnia, according to age, condition and indications. As a general tonic and bracer to the circulation, nervous system and the organism generally, this combination cannot be surpassed.

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**GERMAN AND FRENCH BULLETS.**—During recent wars many observers have been astonished at the apparently comparative harmlessness of the modern rifle bullet, and lately German military authorities have put forward the paradoxical claim that the German projectile is a "humane missile." It is interesting, therefore, to compare the German "S" bullet with the French "D" missile. Both are conical in shape: the German is composed of a hard leaden core with an envelope of soft steel; the French bullet is of solid brass without an envelope, and is the longer and heavier of the two. Up to a distance of 500 yards the German ball has not the penetrating force of the French, but at distances of 1,000 and 2,000 yards it has a distinct superiority. As regards the severity of the wound inflicted, the wound caused by a "*balle ricochée*" is much more serious than that caused by one which has found its billet without interruption of its course. The bullet which ricochets becomes deformed, jagged, flattened out, or separated from its envelope: it strikes the body either obliquely or