

written in 1758 gives a good idea of some of the notions then held about Medicine:—"Does Mary cough in the night? Two or three snails boiled in her barley-water or tea-water, or whatever she drinks, might be of great service to her; taken in time they have done wonderful cures. She must know nothing of it. They give no manner of taste. It would be best nobody should know it but yourself, and I should imagine six or eight boiled in a quart of water and strained into a bottle would be a good way, adding a spoonful or two of that to every liquid she takes. They must be done every two or three days, otherwise they grow too thick." During a journey in France, Sterne, the novelist, was seized with fever, and in one of his letters he complains of the horrors with which the French doctors dosed him to restore his strength. "My physicians," he writes, "have almost poisoned me with what they call *bouillons rafraichissants*—it is a cock flayed alive, then pounded in a mortar with poppy-seeds, and afterwards passed through a sieve. There is to be one craw-fish in it, and I was gravely told it must be a male one—a female one would do more hurt than good."—*Health.*

UPBRAIDING THE DOCTOR.—Dr. Samuel Wolf, Physician to the Philadelphia Hospital, presents among others, a case which is of special value at this time. He says: "The entire experience of the writer with antikamnia is not confined to the series of cases on which this paper is based, although its previous use had been limited to a few prescriptions, and those in cases where it was given after the usual routine had been exhausted. It is, however, to a striking result in one of these instances, that the incentive to investigate more fully, is to be largely attributed. A man of 42, in the course of an attack of la grippe, was enduring extreme torture from the pain of a trigeminal neuralgia. The second ten grain dose of antikamnia gave such complete and permanent relief, that my patient, a druggist of large experience, upbraidingly asked me: "Why didn't you prescribe this remedy before?"

SANMETTO IN GENERAL NASO-PHARYNGEAL AND BRONCHIAL CATARRH COMPLICATED WITH GASTRO-INTESTINAL CATARRH. ALSO IN HYPERTROPHY OF PROSTATE, DYSURIA AND PAINFUL MICTURITION.—I have used sanmetto in my own case, i. e., general naso-pharyngeal and bronchial catarrh with the invariable complication in all such cases, gastro-intestinal catarrh, with the very best results, and frequently prescribe it in such cases with the most satisfactory results. I use it in all cases of hypertrophy of the prostate, dysuria, difficult and painful micturition, and such as need to have the general tract braced up, with the very best results.

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