

that pleasure and satisfaction which he had so long lost even in the arms of beauty's voluptuous suggestion? Would it not tend to lessen vice and raise the morals—but the cost. Ye gods! what possibilities are open to us and still opening. Are we reaching the time when a person may carry in his pocket a half dozen different pills labelled as follows: this, dinner; this, wine; this for fatigue, this for sensual pleasure, and so on? Again, but the cost. The pleasures of life would be gone, our gustatory nerves would shrivel up, our gums become toothless ridges, the gastric juice and saliva cease to be secreted by savory smells and tasty viands and the human form divine would lose its charm and power to please. Surely the cost is too great, and we cannot afford, even for convenience, to sacrifice the real pleasures of life to this nanny pill business with which we are threatened.

But let me just mention some tabloids of organic extracts that are prepared and for sale to the profession to-day. 1. Pituitary body used for restoring perverted nutrition of brain and nervous system. 2. Pineal gland, also recommended for functional disorders of the brain. 3. Salivary gland, being tried by clinical observers. 4. Lymphatic glands have been employed in lymphadenoma and exophthalmic goitre. 5. Thymus and thyroid gland used in graves disease, anæmia leucocythæmia and chlorosis. 6. Kidney substance used for impaired nitrogenous transmutation which may arise from abeyance of the renal function. 7. Spleen substance used for various diseases of the blood. 8. Supra renal substance. A dose of $\frac{1}{100}$ grain of the active principle produces a distinct physiological effect on the arteries. 9. Pancreas substance; this is said to be useful in some cases of diabetes, and is supposed to effect carbo-hydrate metamorphoses. 10. Ovarian substance used for the nervous manifestations and irregular tissue changes which follow the menopause. 11. Cerebrine used for chorea, perverted sexual habits, hysteria, etc. 12. Didymine is said to be aphrodisiac, and to cure perverted sexual habits. 13. Red bone marrow used for hyperfluidity and non-coagulability of the blood elements. 14. Uterine and fallopian tube substance used for cachexia due to removal of those organs. What a list! What a joke! and there are many more that I have not named.

Now, while on the whole, I think we all must admit that this question of animal extracts seems ridiculous, and as yet to me is so. However, I must confess that I have used a few of them with undoubted success; and, after all, if some that we individually know of have answered their purpose, why may not others that we know not of be as successful and beneficial? That antitoxine for diphtheria is potent for good all will, perhaps, admit; at least the majority of the laity will demand it where called for. Protoneuclein in my hands has done good work. Thyroid extract, too, has proved its claims to recognition. I hope there are some here who will be able to speak of the virtues of some of these peculiar remedies, and my only object of bringing them out in this slighting manner was to get some information practically that I was unable to furnish myself. That I am sceptical about the majority, however, goes without saying.