

The Treatment of Influenza.

In connection with the influenza epidemic, which is now raging, in our last issue we gave general details. Our supposition as to the treatment of the disease with new remedies, such as antipyrin salol, etc., has proved perfectly right. Medical papers from the Continent, just to hand, are full of prescriptions and methods of curing influenza, and it is stated that German wholesale houses are scarcely able to execute the orders for antipyrin and quinine coming from Russia, so great is the demand. Inhalations of the different pine products form a part of the treatment. We append a few of the prescriptions in use on the Continent, as they may be found suitable here.

- R. Codein pur gr. ½
- Antipyrin gr. 10
- Sod. bicarb. gr. 3
- M. f. pulv. mette xij.
- S. One powder to be taken three times a day.
- R. Menthol gr. 15
- Cocain mur. gr. 2
- Ung. lanolina z i.
- M. f. ungt.
- S. To be administered by the nostrils.
- R. Sod. salicylat gr. 30
- Acid hydrochlor. dil. m 10
- Vin ipecachuana 3 i
- Syr. simpl. z i
- Aq. ad. z 5
- S. One tablespoonful to be taken three times a day.

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Market Report.

Business has been only fair during the past month; the continued wet weather has had a very depressing effect. There have been few very important changes.

Tartaric Acid—Quite an advance has taken place owing to small supply.
 Balsam Copiaba, higher.
 Camphor is very high and continues rising in consequence of the scarcity of crude.
 Cream Tartar, advancing.
 Gum Arabics dearer; it is almost impossible to get a pure gum.
 Gum Shellac, gradually advancing.
 Oil Almonds, higher, owing to advance in almonds.

Opium will probably be higher, as the prospects for next crop are decidedly bad.

Quinine, quiet at present—Should we get a touch of La Grippe, both it and antipyrine will probably be in large demand.

Black Antimony—Pure has advanced owing to increased cost of production.

Castoreum—Very high and very little to be had.

Glycerine is easy and unsettled, owing to competition and lack of demand.

Mercury and Mercurials, higher.

Antipyrine—Enormous demand for La Grippe cases; supplies are becoming exhausted both here and abroad.

Citric Acid, Tartaric Acid, Balsam Copiaba, Balsam Peru, Camphor, Cloves, Cocoa Butter, Gum Arabic, Gum Shellac, Castoreum, Cassia Buds, Oil Almonds, Oil Cassia, Oil Croton, Opium, higher.

Cascara Bark, Cod Liver Oil, Russian Cantharides, Ergot, Spanish, Potass Chlor, lower.

Varcotical herbs such as Belladonna, Henbane, etc., will be higher owing to short crop

Solubilities of New Medicines.

The following table of solubilities of some new medicines from the Bulletin Commercial may be useful to dispensers.

One part of	Is soluble in		
	Water.	Alcohol.	Ether.
Antifebrine	200	10	10
Antipyrin	1	1	50
Antithorimim	slightly sol.	slightly sol.	slightly sol.
Cocaine hydrochlorate	5	10	—
Iodol	5,000	3	1
Paraldehyd	10	—	—
Pyridine	1	1	—
Quinoline tartrate	80	150	—
Resorelin	1	1	—
Salol	—	5	5
Thallin (sulphate)	7	100	—
" tartrate	10	—	—
Urethane	1	0.6	—

QUININE AS A PROPHYLACTIC AGAINST MALARIAL FEVER.—Messrs. C. F. Boehringer and Sohne, of Waldhof, near Mannheim, have just published a pamphlet on the subject. A decided predilection is expressed for the use of the hydrochlorate in the treatment of fever. It is regarded as more generally obtainable pure, it is less bulky, it contains a larger amount of quinine, and from its greater solubility it can be given without affecting the stomach. The solubility of hydrochlorate is 1 in 50 parts, while the sulphate requires about 800 parts of distilled water. The utility of quinine as a preventative of malarial fever is confirmed by the observations of Professor Binz, of Bonn. Dr. Graeser, Dr. Buwalda, Dr. O. Scelling, and Dr. Tschirch, who recommends that persons should take doses of from 0.5 to 1.0 gramme daily, while in an infectious area. Stanley, in his book on the Congo, however, talks of 3.0 gramme to 3.5 grammes as a dose.

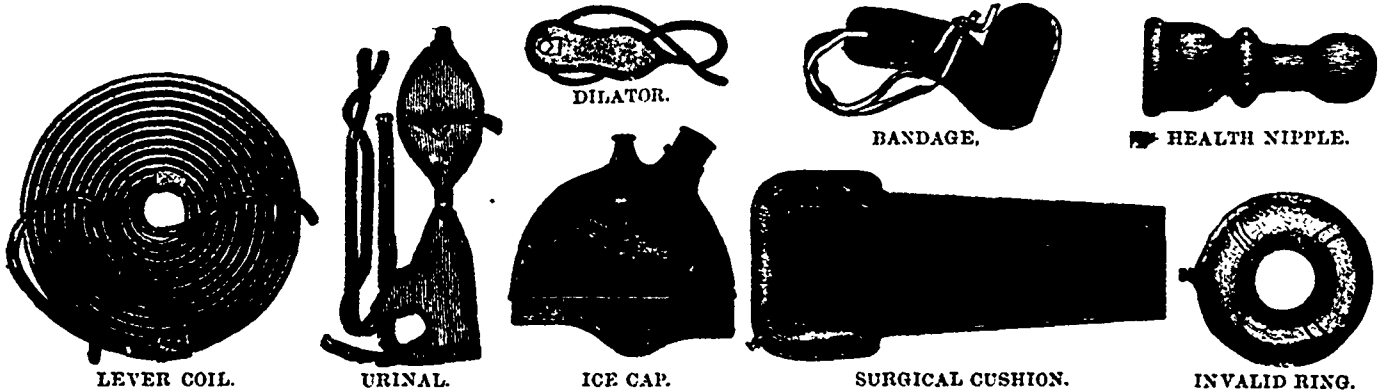
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