

MEDICAL PREPARATIONS, ETC.

A SUCCEDANEUM FOR MORPHIA.

We meet with many cases in practice suffering intensely from pain, where from an idiosyncrasy or some other reason it is not advisable to give morphine or opium by the mouth, or morphine hypodermically, but frequently these very cases take kindly to codeine, and when assisted by antikamnia, its action is all that could be desired.

In the nocturnal pains of syphilis, in the grinding pains which precede labor, and the uterine contractions which often lead to abortion, in tic-douleureux, brachialgia, cardialgia, gastralgia, hepatalgia, nephralgia and dysmenorrhœa, immediate relief is afforded by the use of this combination, and the relief is not merely temporary and palliative, but in many cases curative.

Muscular spasm is often controlled by antikamnia and codeine tablets. Their action is of essentially the same character as the morphine action; the same parts of the central nervous system are affected, and in the same way as morphine, but not in the same degree. Nor do they induce habit.

In pulmonary diseases this combination is worthy of trial. It is a sedative to the respiratory centers in both acute and chronic disorders of the lungs. Cough, in the vast majority of cases, is promptly and lastingly decreased, and often entirely suppressed. In diseases of the respiratory organs, pain and cough are the symptoms which especially call for something to relieve; these tablets do the work, and in addition, control the violent movements accompanying the cough, and which are so distressing.

FUNCTIONAL NEUROTIC DISORDERS.

The various vital functions of the organism are so intimately associated and correlated that it is impossible to definitely attribute any chronic nervous illness to disease or derangement of but one of the great bodily systems, *i.e.*, circulatory respiratory, digestive, lymphatic or nervous. The many neurotic conditions which the physician is so frequently called upon to treat cannot be successfully attacked by confining treatment to the nervous system exclusively, any more than can the cutaneous affections—acne, eczema or urticaria, be permanently relieved by lotions, washes and unguents alone. Neurasthenia, nervous "break-down," nervous prostration, "brain-fag" and allied states are usually but neurotic manifestations of some constitutional metabolic