

Other articles of merit are, "A Recent Advance in Therapeutics: Local Treatment," by Dr. Charles Bouchard, of Paris; "The Rest Treatment: When Indicated and How Conducted," by Dr. J. Madison Taylor, of Philadelphia; and "Abdomino-Pelvic Diagnosis: Abdominal Swellings," by E. Stanmore Bishop, F. R. C. S., of Manchester, Eng. Numerous finely executed plates and figures throughout the volume more fully enhance the value of the text.

## Notes.

**AFTER-PAINS.**—For the treatment of after-pains Hayden's Viburnum Compound is a safe and reliable anodyne and antispasmodic, and its administration renders all other remedies superfluous. Unlike the opiates, it does not produce constipation or gastric disturbances, but promotes perfect comfort without any deleterious action.

**SANMETTO IN URINARY IRRITABILITY IN THE AGED OF BOTH SEXES, IN ENURESIS IN CHILDREN AND IN SEXUAL ATONY, ESPECIALLY THE SEXUAL AVERSION AMONG WOMEN WITH MAMMARY NON-DEVELOPMENT.**—I have used Sanmetto extensively in my practice, and am now prescribing it two or three times daily, and have to meet with the first disappointment in well chosen cases. I use it with feelings of assurance in urinary irritability in the aged of both sexes: in enuresis in children; and in sexual atony, especially the sexual aversion among women with mammary non-development or mammary atrophy, because of nursing. Its action seems to be very remarkable upon the glands of the genito-urinary tract. Many cases of immature organs rapidly develop under its use, and the atonic condition of abused organs relieved. I like Sanmetto and shall continue its use where indicated.

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**THE TREATMENT OF SYMPTOMS.**—In a highly interesting article on this subject, Walter M. Fleming, A. M., M. D., of New York City, uses the following language:

"Long experience in the treatment of diseases in their incipency, evidences beyond all debate, that almost invariably the attack in a large proportion of cases is inaugurated by febrile symptoms of greater or lesser severity. Also, it may be noticed that constipation or torpid inactivity of the bowels prevails. Therefore, the first indication in the incubation or incipency of the attack, of almost any form or nature, is primarily to allay the fever, pain-nervousness and solicitude of the patient, and secondarily to empty the alimentary canal. These two ends being accomplished, a long advance towards a possible abortive issue of the attack has been made, or in any event, the first indication and requirements are fulfilled, in proper progress toward a cure.

Thus, in the primary treatment of the numerous ills, which are characterized by the above quoted symptoms, the physician will find Laxative Antikamnia & Quinine Tablets at once handy, convenient and reliable, safe and sure, and to which the turbulent symptoms of fever, constipation, pain-sleeplessness, nausea and generally wretched depression yield so promptly and gracefully, that it is certainly refreshing to the physician himself to note the change in his patient, from suffering and solicitude to comfort and quiet. I certainly know of no other remedy which will so readily and decisively allay and control the symptoms above enumerated."

**CLINICAL NOTES ON DYSEMICIA.**—By Louis J. Gravel, M. D., Physician-in-chief to the Hotel Dieu Hospital and Chief of the Laboratory, Montreal, Canada.

The word anemia is a misnomer and serves to perpetuate an erroneous idea of the conditions to which it is applied. It had its origin at the time when scientific medicine was in its infancy; before the microscope and other instruments of precision had elucidated the physiology and pathology of the blood and blood-forming organs. In those days the pallor of the skin and mucous membranes was attributed to "a diminution of the amount of blood," and even at the present day there are physicians who still share in this fallacy. From a pathological standpoint, the chief features of the so-called anemic state, are the morphological and chemical changes in the blood,—its qualitative