

ing her last attack of sciatica. I prescribed one antikamnia and codeine tablet every four hours and in forty-eight hours she was up and about, and has not felt the pain since."

A GOOD BISMUTH PREPARATION.

After an exhaustive study of the chemical and physical properties of bismuth and its compounds, the chemical experts of Parke, Davis & Co. two or three years ago succeeded in perfecting what many physicians consider the most eligible preparation of the kind—Milk of Bismuth, P.D. & Co., a mixture containing the hydrated oxide of bismuth in suspension. The product is stable under all ordinary conditions of temperature and exposure to light and air.

The advantage which Milk of Bismuth, P., D. & Co., possesses over other compounds of the metal is the state of fine subdivision in which the hydrated oxide is presented. This insures its more thorough distribution over the mucous surface of the alimentary canal, upon which it exerts a peculiarly beneficial effect. Its action is not only astringent, but, as some writers have observed, it appears to have a specific effect upon certain lesions, as ulcers, causing them to heal. It is also an antacid and protective, and undoubtedly is mildly antiseptic. Each fluid drachm of Milk of Bismuth, P., D. & Co., represents the bismuth equivalent to five grains of the subnitrate.

PASTE FOR ULCUS CRURIS VARICOSUM.

Wehner gives the following paste for *ulcus cruris varicosum* (*Deutsche medizinische Wochenschrift*, 1911, No. 23):

- R Zinc oxide,
 Starch,aa 30.0 grammes;
 Glycerin,
 Water,
 Wool fat,
 Simple cerate,aa ad 100 grammes

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—*New York Medical Journal.*
