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A NOTE UPON
SERUM DIAGNOSIS BY MEANS OF DRIED BLOOD
SAMPLES IN (EXPERIMENTAL) CHOLERA.
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THE announcement made by Achard and Bensaude (*La Presse médicale*, September 26, 1896; abstract in *New York Medical Journal*, November 7, 1896) that they had successfully employed serum diagnosis in all of eleven cases of cholera, has led us to publish briefly the result of some experiments we have been making to see if drops of dried cholera blood form a suitable material for obtaining and testing the serum reaction. Not having the blood of cholera patients at our disposal, we experimented on rapidly immunized guinea-pigs.

We find that when the blood serum of an animal gives a good reaction in the fresh state the reaction may also be obtained by moistening a drop of the dried blood with water and mixing it with an actively motile cholera culture.

The cholera culture employed was one isolated by Dunham in 1892, from a case in New York and trans-