

bronchi, or from the genital passages, finally ruin the constitution. This diathesis, we are happy to say, is capable of being cured, by an intelligent observation of the laws of hygiene, by an appropriate treatment; and age may also bring a cure.—*Abstract from an Address of Dr. G. Richelot, in L'Union Medicale, March 3.—Medical Gazette.*

**When Men are at their Best.**—Dr. Beard states that from an analysis of the lives of a thousand representative men in all the great branches of the human family, he made the discovery that the golden decade was between 40 and 50; the brazen between 20 and 30; the iron between 50 and 60. (*Michigan Medical News.*) The superiority of youth and middle age over old age in original work appears all the greater when we consider the fact that all the positions of honour and prestige, professorships and public stations are in the hands of the old. Reputation, like money and position, is mainly confined to the old. Men are not widely known until long after they have done the work that gave them fame. Portraits of men are delusions; statues are false! They are taken when men have become famous, which, on the average, is at least twenty-five years after they did the work which gave them their fame. Original work requires enthusiasm. If all the original work done by men under forty-five were annihilated they would be reduced to barbarism. Men are at their best at that time when enthusiasm and experience are almost evenly balanced. This period, on the average, is from 38 to 40. After this the law is that experience increases, but enthusiasm decreases. Of course there are exceptions.—*American Practitioner.*

**Catarrhal Pneumonia.**—Inhalations of carbolized spray, with the administration of ammonium chloride (gr. v–xx), potassium iodide (gr. iii–v), given in compound licorice mixture (̄ ss), or elixir of yerba santa, if there is much spasmodic cough, has given decided results. Night sweats are controlled by ergot or atropia, and emulsion of cod-liver oil and extract of malt, if the nutrition is below par. A moderate amount of stimulant may be required; and if there are great daily fluctuations in the temperature, indicating the onset of pneumonic phthisis, the pill of digitalis, quinia and opium (Niemeyer) is used three times a day.