

Stypticin is powerless to control the bleeding of uterine polypi, and is contra-indicated in threatened abortion, or, indeed, in any of the hæmorrhages of pregnancy, as it has a marked power of stimulating uterine contractions. This may be induced by it directly, or it may result indirectly from the anæmia produced by its vaso-constrictor action.

In all of Dr. Gottschalk's experiments no other treatment than that of Stypticin was adopted.

Stypticin (chemically, Cotarnine Hydrochlorate) is obtained from the opium alkaloid narcotine by the action of oxidizers. Its formula is $C_{12}H_{13}NO_3 \cdot H_2O \cdot HCl$, and it occurs as yellow crystals or powder, readily soluble in water and in diluted alcohol.

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A COMPARATIVELY new preparation recently placed upon the market, and which so far has made quite a name for itself in the treatment of certain conditions, is Abbey's Effervescent Salt. Of effervescent salts (so-called) already introduced, there are a large number which are, to say the least of it, not what they are represented to be, and which do not produce the therapeutical effect claimed for them. In that way medical men have been deceived in the past, and to some extent lost faith in such preparations owing to frequent disappointment. Some manufacturers in the past have erroneously conceived the idea that, so long as the powder they are foisting upon the market is made to effervesce on being dissolved in water, they have accomplished all that is required from a medicinal standpoint. Such is nonsense, as the efficacy of such a powder lies not in its effervescent qualities at all, but in the careful compounding of its ingredients, which must be absolutely pure. In that way only can the manufacturers expect to regain the confidence of the medical profession and induce them to prescribe their goods. Abbey's Effervescent Salt certainly seems to meet all those conditions, and judging from the reports as to results received from the most prominent physicians, as well as institutions of this country, we should think that it would repay medical men to give the preparation a thorough trial. In those cases where a gentle, rapid and watery action of the bowels is required, or where there is congested condition of the liver, a dose of Abbey's Salt in the morning before breakfast will have a most desirable effect. In those cases also where there is dropsical condition present, and where the attendant physician wishes to rapidly relieve the system of a large amount of water without inducing great disturbance, this preparation can be depended upon.

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