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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 and 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 merated.”

Gray's Glycerine Tonic.

It is a bad habit to whip up the waning physiologic functions of elderly people with strychnine or alcohol ; after a short time the deleterious reaction is more certain than the primary stimulation. These patients need help of a character not furnished by a powerful stimulant. Their functions need gentle reinforcement, and experience proves the best agent for this purpose is Gray's Glycerine Tonic.

The atonic digestive disturbances almost constantly present in old age are promptly overcome by the use of Gray's Tonic. It stimulates the enfeebled digestive glands to secrete abundant supply of gastric juice.

This in turn assists the assimilation of food and improves the general nutrition. Then, too, these patients feel better because the remedy acts as a prop to the entire system; they are less languid, are not so easily fatigued upon exertion, and are mentally more alert. Many physicians report that the routine employment of Gray's Tonic in those patients in whom are present the signs and symptoms of old age, imparts a degree of comfort and well-being, free from after effects, not obtainable from any other medication; one physician states, "it picks them up and holds them together."

Another strong reason for the use of Gray's Tonic in elderly people is that it wards off the tendency to inflammations of the respiratory organs; this fact has been noted and commented upon for many years past, and is doubtless due to the fortifying action of the remedy upon the general constitution and its specific influence upon the respiratory tract.

Experience shows that it is good practice to administer Gray's Tonic to all patients in whom are noticeable the symptoms due to advancing years. The absolute freedom of the remedy from depressing or other detrimental reaction makes it the safest and most pref-

erable means of combatting the exhaustion and enfeeblement of age.

Sanmetto in Urinary Irritability in the Aged of Both Sexes, in Enureses in Children, and in Sexual Antony, Especially the Sexual Aversion among Women with Mamary 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 of 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 antonic condition of abused organs relieved. I like Sametto and shall continue its use where indicated.

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The Decadence of Opium.

We would not banish opium. Far from it. There are times when it becomes our refuge. But we would restrict it to its proper sphere. In the acute stage of most inflammations, and in the closing painful phases of some few chronic disorders opium in galenic or alkaloidal derivations is our grandest remedy—our confidential friend. But here the application should cease; and it is just here that the synthetic products step in to claim their share in the domain of therapy. Among the latter, perhaps none has met with so grateful a reception as Antikamnia Tablets, and justly so. Given in frontal, temporal, vertical, or occipital neuralgia, it will almost invariably arrest the head pain. In the ter-

rific fronto-parietal neuralgia of glaucoma, or in rheumatic or post-operative iritis, they are of signal service, contributing much to the comfort of the patient. Their range of application is wide. They are of positive value in certain forms of dysmenorrhoea; they have served well in the pleuritic pains of advancing pneumonia and in the arthralgias of acute rheumatism. They have been found to allay the lightning, lancinating pains of locomotor ataxia, but nowhere may they be employed with such confidence as in the neuralgias limited to the area of distribution of the fifth nerve. Here their action is almost specific, surpassing even the effect of aconite over this nerve.—National Medical Review.

The Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette, commenting upon the dietetic value of iron, says: "Pathologists have given pointers as to the special condition of the iron in the system and in the circulating medium, and the newer preparations aim to imitate that condition. Most of them have a brief day of fame and then drop out of sight for the reason that they lack some element of eligibility. Few are standing the test of time and the critical ordeal of the clinicians. Foremost among these it is safe to name Gude's Pepto-Mangan. It is probably the nearest approach to a physiologic reproduction yet devised. It deserves its universal popularity, and its manufacturers do well to restrict its sale to strictly ethical channels."