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#### Welch's "Rheumatic Remedy."

EDITOR MEDICAL WORLD:—I come to THE WORLD for information. Inclosed you will find wrapper from a box of P. J. Welch's "rheumatic remedy," put up at Cincinnati, Ohio. The box contains about 2 ounces of a powder, yellowish gray in color, tasting something like comp. jalap powder, and sells for \$2. I do not know whether it cures rheumatism or not, but should like to know the composition of this powder. Can you or any of the brethren give me this information?

Tell City, Ind. WM. H. MUELCHI, M.D.

[We do not know the constituents of this powder.—Ed.]

#### Ammonium Chlorid for Uterin Fibroids.

Dr. Eli Coover, of Harrisburg, Pa., long advocated the intensiv administration of ammonium chlorid on the presumption that it would soften uterin fibromata, according to a personal communication from Dr. Thomas S. Blair. Dr. Coover based his theory upon the well-known fact that tenacious secretions are liquefied by the internal administration of that drug. He had his patients take a 5-grain tablet of it three or four times a day until a tolerance for it was established, then increasing the dose.

If any of our readers have had any experience with this method, or any other treatment of uterin fibroids, we should be pleased to learn it.

### MEDICAL FRAUDS.

#### Capt. Collings and His Hernia Cure.

EDITOR MEDICAL WORLD:—This clipping relative to Capt. Collings' "hernia cure" (March WORLD, page 122) calls to mind my correspondence with him about it. I offered to deposit first the amount of his cure, subject to his order when a case here was cured by his treatment. He came back with another letter with a reduced price—"cash in advance." I again offered to double his price in a deposit to the bank subject to order, the cure to be determined by three regular reputable physicians the bank or he might select. Again, he came back with his letter "cash in advance." This thoroly convinced me my first idea about his cure was correct—i. e., was a fake, else he would have accepted the offer of a bank deposit payable to him on the completion of the cure, and I cease wasting time and stamps writing him. I know of no methods to cure hernia except by a proper surgical operation, and if there are any others, "I am from Missouri" and willing to be shown.

Rose Lake, Idaho. C. E. WORTHINGTON.

#### "United Doctors" Close Up An Office.

EDITOR MEDICAL WORLD:—The illustrious Dr. Dresbach, of "United Doctors" fame, which you wrote up, has closed his office here. His business continued to grow small and beautifully less. He is "hitting the road" now.  
 W. L. BAILEY.  
 Joplin, Mo.

#### Bodi-Tone.

EDITOR MEDICAL WORLD:—Find inclosed junk of a new graft. Facsimiles and literature of supposedly intelligent people. How true the old adage of "What fools we mortals be."

Yours respectfully, W. H. PHILLIPS.  
 Carroll, Neb.

[The Doctor sent us the circulars of the Bodi-Tone Co.—Ed.]

#### Gowan's Pneumonia Cure.

According to "Nostrums and Quackery," "Gowan's pneumonia cure" consists of lard, camphor, turpentine, carbolic acid, opium, stearin, quinin and quinin sulfate. The proprietors of this nostrum were convicted and fined under the Food and Drugs Act for misbranding their product.

#### A Blackmailing Scheme.

A blackmailing scheme has been worked on some doctors of Indiana recently. A letter is sent to a physician from a presumably unmarried woman who writes that she is pregnant, almost crazed with fear, etc., and ending with a tearful appeal for the doctor's aid. Should an answer be sent, a young girl puts in her appearance. No matter what may be said, her visit is followed some weeks later by the visit of a man, who claims to be a relative of the girl, and who declares the girl has lost her life thru an abortion and the doctor's letter or card was found on her. As things are made to look bad for the doctor, the matter is offered for settlement out of court. By this means several physicians have been mulcted out of various sums.—*Jour. Indiana State Med. Assoc.*

#### Wanted: A Miracle.

Two or three years ago a Frenchman wrote a novel founded on this idea: Christ returns to earth and visits Paris. His personality has a tremendous influence upon the population, and various modern miracles are worked, notably in journalism. Newspapers crowded with news and advertisements appear next morning almost blank for every lie contained in them has miraculously faded into blank paper. What would happen if a miracle of this sort occurred in Tacoma, Wash. and what would be left of the Tacoma *Daily News*? A reader of ours out there sends us a markt copy containing thirty-four patent-medicin advertisements, many of them making ridiculously excessiv claims. Incidentally, it is a striking feature of the present-day reaction against patent-medicin fakery that it is the *readers* of newspapers who do the protesting against these advertisements. When will enlightened publishers realize that it pays to be good?—*Collier's Weekly*.

Radium charlatans, some of whom are members of the medical profession, have made their appearance, according to officers of the Radium Institute of America, and to checkmate them as far as possible the radium institute will be prepared after February 1st to test the contents of any tube submitted to its experts for examination and tell how much real radium there is in the tube. The tests will be made at Columbia University, New York, N. Y., in the laboratories of the Department of Physics, and they will be made without any fees as a contribution to public welfare.