

ache before, but a dull headache developed above the eyes every time she took medicine. Another feature that was prominent was increased acidity of urine. This is in keeping with clinical observations made by other physicians. There is no doubt regarding its diuretic action as many have reported making an infusion of the green leaves for those complaining of backache of a rheumatic muscular character attended with the excretion of but a small quantity of urine, that was highly acid and containing a large amount of urates. It is a recognized diuretic when given in increasing doses in cases of dropsical effusion about the ankle with inactive kidney, dry skin. In old men it allays the irritation and frequent urination that attends the enlarged prostate when accompanying the above symptoms.

#### INFLUENZA—BRIEF COMMENTS

**Dr. Martha I. Boger, Portsmouth, N. H.** During the first epidemic, I treated 531 cases with two deaths. One patient committed suicide. The temperature had become normal, but there was insanity in the family. The other patient was mahogany colored, having been pronounced as dying by the regular physicians who preceded me. In spite of that, she lived five days longer. Had I been a better prescriber, I believe she would have recovered.

In the second epidemic, I have not kept so close a record, but I have lost but one, also diagnosed by my predecessors as hopeless. However, two other cases with similar verdict recovered. Dr. Stone of the Kittery, Portsmouth U. S. Sanitary Zone, said that I had the lowest death record in the community. This sounds boastful, but I have openly declared that it was not my luck, but the therapeutics which I have practiced.

**G. G. Balcom, M. D., Lake Wilson, Minn.** I want to join my testimony with Dr. McCann, that given a patient with a fair physical condition when he contracts the flu-pneumonia he should be restored to health by the properly selected homeopathic remedy. And I have found that his list about covers all cases except that phos. and ipecac must be added in this climate many times.

I have had over three hundred cases and no deaths. I do not find that I need vaccines or serums. The fellows that have used them about here have been used to having deaths. The use of the coal tar derivatives is to be condemned. Aspirin has much to answer for.

**Dr. Cora Smith King, Washington, D. C.** (further report). I have had about 350 cases with only one death, which occurred in the first 115. We still have many new cases, but they are not as severe as formerly, and very seldom develop pneumonia. Dated, March 17, 1919.