

## THE TREATMENT OF PNEUMONIA.

C. M. J. writes: Your correspondent "M.B., C.M." may be interested in knowing that, at the close of the discussion on Dr. Coupland's paper, I inquired if he had used a combination of liq. ammon. acet. and iron in the treatment of pneumonia. I understood him to say he had not. For many years I have treated pneumonia with iron, and have had no occasion to regret the practice.

## GELSEMIUM SEMPERVIRENS.

DR. THOMAS M. WATT (Hovingham, Yorks.) writes: A young girl is a frequent victim to neuralgia. On one occasion she was given, through careless reading of the directions, eight 20-minim doses of this drug in eight consecutive hours, she being then aged 20. She described her sensations as numbness with a sense of general oppression as of "a weight all over her." This numbness she further described as a feeling of deadness, so that it was a conscious effort either to think or to breathe. I did not return home until some time afterwards, when she was recovering from the effects. Neither she nor those about her had been alarmed by her condition. The preparation was thoroughly active, as I knew from its use among my other patients and in this girl's case previously. It had relieved her then, but, as has been the case with every other remedy, except morphine hypodermically, after a few trials it proved useless.

I employ it very frequently with varying success, and have never known a dangerous symptom, though I invariably prescribe the dose of 20 minims, generally allowing in severe cases a repetition after one hour, if no relief has resulted from the first. Exactly the same mistake was made in the case of another young woman under my care. She felt the toxic effects, but she was not sufficiently alarmed to send for me. That was some years ago, and, as she has removed from the district, I can only say that her account of her sensations closely resembled those above given, with the addition of giddiness when she attempted to move about. The patient whose case I have narrated was confined to bed, and did not test herself in that way. Of course in both instances the occurrence arose from failure to note that the interval of one hour referred only to the second dose, subsequent doses being ordered to be taken, if required, at intervals of three or four hours, according to urgency.

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