

A POPULAR MANUAL ON CONSUMPTION.¹

The first edition of this book, comprising a popular exposition of the causes, prevention, and treatment of consumption, was officially distributed by the French Minister of Education. The present edition contains much that is chiefly valuable to medical men, presenting an admirable summary of the views held by up-to-date physicians in France. Chapters are given on predisposing causes, early diagnosis, stages of the disease, biological chemistry, bacteriology, serums and vaccines, general methods of treatment, and the remedies likely to be useful, hygienic details, the treatment of urgent symptoms and complications, climatotherapy and prophylaxis. The French antituberculosis organizations and sanatoria are also described. Prominence is given to indications from blood-pressure, pulmonary exchanges, and urinary chemistry, several remedies being strongly recommended which are little known in this country.

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HÆMOPTYSIS IN PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.²

Dr. Barbary, in his interesting monograph, holds that hæmoptysis is almost always due to increased arterial tension. He says that there are three main types of increased tension—viz., transitory, unstable, and permanent—but he does not consider that there is a form of increased tension solely connected with tuberculosis. It is difficult to deny that the cause of hæmoptysis is almost always increased arterial tension, as two of the forms may easily escape notice, and the causes given for the increased tension are so numerous and far-reaching that it is impossible to prove that one, at least, was not present. The author's treatment is necessarily lowering.

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HAY-FEVER.³

Mr. William Lloyd's new brochure contains a brief but efficient summary of current opinions prevailing on the pathology of hay-fever and hay-asthma. As regards the causation and treatment of these paroxysmal and most incapacitating affections, some novel views are presented. The work merits careful consideration.

FRANCIS HARE, M.D.

THE TREATMENT OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.⁴

The treatment of the consumptive often taxes the resources of the practitioner to their uttermost. The perplexed physician will find in

¹ "La Grande Faucheuse" [The Great Reaper]. By Dr. Fernand Barbary. Second Edition. Pp. 340. Paris: De Rudeval. 1907. Price 7 francs.

² "Interprétation Nouvelle du Mécanisme de l'Hémoptysie Tuberculeuse: Thérapeutique préventive de l'Hémoptysie." Dr. Fernand Barbary. Pp. 111. Paris: F. R. de Rudeval, 4, Rue Antoine Dubois. 1905.

³ "Hay-Fever, Hay-Asthma: its Causes, Diagnosis, and Treatment." By William Lloyd, F.R.C.S.E., Surgeon-in-Charge of the Nose, Ear, and Throat Department, Kensington General Hospital; Surgeon to the Nose and Throat Department, St. Pancras and Northern Dispensary. London: Henry J. Glaisher. 1907. Price 3s. 6d. net.

⁴ "Pulmonary Tuberculosis: its Modern and Specialized Treatment." By Albert Philip Francine, A.M., M.D., Director of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. Second edition. Pp. 266. Illustrated. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Company. 1907. Price \$2.