

use is founded to bear upon his daily practice with an intelligent discrimination, cannot fail to attain a higher degree of efficiency in his diagnosis and prognosis.

# ALTERATIVE LAXATIVE PILL.

*To the Editors of the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal.*

IN the course of a long practice, extending over nearly thirty years, I know of no want that I have more constantly felt than that of some means by which the bowels could be kept in regular order, without producing irritation or debility: especially in females and in sedentary gentlemen, who, with the necessity of unremitting brain-work, cannot, or at any rate do not, allow themselves sufficient recreation and exercise to keep the system in a healthful state. To meet this want I prepared, three years since, the following formula: **R.** Pil. aloin cum ferro, gr. xxiv.; ext. nucis vom. alc., gr. vi.; pulv. ipecac., gr. vi. **M.** Fiant pil. No. xviii. Dose, a single pill.

In order to insure as uniform and perfect a result as possible, I procured the services of the excellent practical pharmacist of Boston, Mr. Hunnewell, whose aloin and iron I had used. From that time he has continued to make the pills for me, and to my entire satisfaction. So exactly and perfectly have they supplied the want that I had so long felt, that I have thought it worth while to offer them to my professional brethren, and I do so with entire confidence that none who use them will be disappointed in the result.

The pills are small, about one half the usual pill size. One of these, taken each night, keeps the bowels in a regular condition, operating without pain, and of course chiefly by its tonic power; while the whole system gently but surely feels the strengthening effect of the iron and nux vomica.

I think the formula cannot fail to commend itself to those who have considered the causes of this torpor of the bowels in the class of patients to which I have referred; and I am sure no one will be disappointed, who will give the pills a faithful trial. I presume they can be obtained in any desired quantity of Mr. Hunnewell.

*Portland, Me., June, 1867.*

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