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Dramamine in Nausea and Vomiting of Pregnancy*

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SERIES II. DRAMAMINE AND PLACEBO ADMINISTERED IN A BLIND TEST

Medication with dramamine using the dose of 100 mg. b.i.d. proved so successful that it was decided to put the drug to a blind test. Through the courtesy of G. D. Searle & Co., a supply of pills was provided, of identical appearance, one dramamine, the other a placebo. The vials containing the pills were marked only by numbers one to twelve, and were arranged in pairs, so that by changing from odd to even or from even to odd numbers one could be certain to give the patient the other kind of pill. Only after the experiment had been concluded and the material was ready for statistical evaluation was a code list made available by Searle. The patients had been informed that a new drug was being used on them. When the results of the first type of pill proved unsatisfactory, it was explained to the patient that a changeover to a stronger dosage would now be made. A similar experiment on a smaller scale has been reported by Paul E. Carliner, et al., from Johns Hopkins Hospital.^{1,2}