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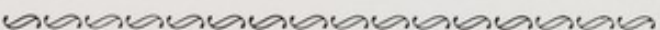
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PATTERNS OF NATURE Second Series

*No. 5: Caladium*

Colour photograph by John Fish



*Of all the patterns in nature the most inescapable are those of leaves, whether we meet them in gardens, vases, or on costers' barrows, or transcribed by man on to wrought iron railings, wallpaper or dinner plates.*

*Our easy familiarity with them is transformed to excitement as we tread underfoot the warm, crisp colours of Nature's autumn collection.*

*But nothing in the English autumn woodland rivals in gaiety the leaf of the South American **Caladium bicolor**, a tuberous plant of the arum lily family.*

*The botanist who named this species **bicolor** seems to have been guilty of a curious understatement.*

## THE IDEAL ANTACID

Some recent papers remind us that to control gastric hyperacidity safely and adequately the ideal antacid should:

- (a) bring gastric pH quickly to about 4, and not alkalise<sup>1, 2</sup>
- (b) maintain this level as long as possible<sup>2</sup>
- (c) cause no secondary secretion of gastric acid<sup>2</sup>
- (d) provide continuous medication to offset the emptying of the stomach<sup>1, 4</sup>
- (e) permit no acid to be resorbed<sup>2</sup>
- (f) not cause constipation<sup>2</sup>.

This list reiterates the advantages of Prodexin. One tablet sucked every hour gives swift relief of hyperacid symptoms and ulcer pain. Continuous protection of the gastric mucosa and ulcer tissue is achieved without making the stomach alkaline.

The aluminium salts derived from the buffer reaction are excreted unchanged and any constipating tendency is compensated by just the right proportion of magnesium carbonate in the tablet.

Prodexin tablets combine the best virtues of an antacid with the greatest convenience and acceptability to the patient.

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## PRODEXIN

restores the pattern of  
gastric acid secretion

**Each Prodexin tablet contains :**

Aluminium glycinate (dihydroxy aluminium aminoacetate).....0.9 grammes  
Light magnesium carbonate.....0.1 grammes

**DOSAGE**

To ensure a steady and prolonged flow of medicament to the stomach the tablet should be allowed to dissolve *slowly* in the mouth.

**For hyperacidity**

One to two tablets as required.

**For prevention of hyperacidic attacks**

One tablet every hour. If pain recurs regularly it is best to anticipate each attack by sucking a tablet 15 to 30 minutes before pain is expected.

**For peptic ulcer**

One tablet every hour, or more frequently, depending on the degree of hyperacidity.

**PACKAGES**

Cartons of 30 individually wrapped tablets and dispensing packs of 240. Basic N.H.S. cost of 240 tablets: 30s. 4d.



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