

On the Treatment of Tabetic Optic Nerve Atrophies with Sulphur.
(*Journ. of Nerv. and Ment. Dis.*, March, 1931.) Winkler, L.

The author found a beneficial effect from sulphur treatment. He obtained from four to six fever reactions of from 101°–103° F. The results were, (a) change of the greyish colour to red, due to improved circulation, (b) improvement of visual acuity, (c) enlargement of the visual field, (d) reappearance of colour-vision. The treatment may be repeated if necessary, preferably after the lapse of a year.

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Occupational Therapy in a Tuberculosis Sanatorium. (*Occup. Therap. and Rehabil.*, April, 1931.) Powers, H. B.

The issue of the official organ of the American Occupational Therapy Association under review includes the above article, chosen as being typical of the number. Its first three articles deal with the therapy in tuberculosis hospitals, and as such still have an interest for the psychiatrist. The different types of handicraft are employed as "graduated exercises," and their various suitabilities are discussed.

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Occupational Therapy at Bloomingdale Hospital, White Plains, New York. (*Occup. Therap. and Rehabil.*, February, 1931.) Haas, L. J.

Any British psychiatrist still ignorant of the extent to which occupational therapy is employed in some American mental hospitals should read this account. He will gain a good idea of how the departments should be organized. For example, in the Bloomingdale Hospital the staff of the women's department consists of eight therapists, a director, an assistant and six instructors. The department building contains ten shop rooms, reception hall, office, dye room, and two storage rooms. The shop rooms are equipped for basketry, book-binding, sewing, weaving, typewriting, carpentry, jewelry and metal work. In addition, there is a studio and also a kitchen. Information is also given as to the types of work employed as treatment, and the place of the physician in the scheme.

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Occupational Therapy in the European Mental Hospital, Ranchi, India. (*Occup. Therap. and Rehabil.*, December, 1930.) Mukherji, A. K.

This article gives an account of the occupational therapy department in the Ranchi European Mental Hospital. The occupations detailed are weaving, carpentry, canework, cobbling, needlework and cement-work. The social side includes aquatic sports, music, dancing, and the cinema.

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