

especially prone to produce epileptiform convulsions rank first; absinthe heads the list, then bitters, vermouth, etc.

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*Hysterical Hemianæsthesia treated by the Progressive Inducement of Sensibility ("résensibilisation progressive"); Direct Proof of the Cortical Localisation of Visceral Centres; Principle of a Mechanical Treatment of Hysteria.* (*Arch. de Neur., March, 1900.*) Vial.

Case of a girl, Zoë, æt. 22 years, hysterical, not subject to hysterical attacks, but presenting complete right hemianæsthesia, with clavus, narrowing of the right visual field, sensation of globus and anorexia. The patient in a somnambulistic state was treated (with recovery) according to the method advocated by M. P. Sollier, and described at length in his work on hysteria. The author professes to have noted the same phenomena in the course of treatment, and comes to the same conclusions,—as, for example, in localising the cerebral centre for the viscera, etc. etc. In this case "the most striking phenomenon is that of the regression and progression of the personality; the crowning of the synthesis of the ego takes place at the end of the progression, and Zoë conveys it by the utterance of this picturesque expression: 'I feel that all my limbs become stuck together' " (*sic!*).

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*Hysterical Polyuria and Pollakiuria [Polyurie et pollakiurie hystérique].* (*Arch. de Neur., March, 1900.*) Abadie, J.

A case is described of a man, æt. 43 years, cured by indirect suggestion, without any apparent lesion of his urinary apparatus except some urethral spasm, the chemical composition of the urine being normal; he micturated twenty to thirty times in the twenty-four hours, and passed large quantities of urine. Born of a hysterical mother, he was himself hysterical, with such stigmata as zones of cutaneous and mucous hyperæsthesia, loss of taste and smell, concentric narrowing of the visual fields, and almost complete absence of pharyngeal reflex. The pollakiuria presented by this patient was more obstinate and more obvious than is usual in these cases; not only was there frequency of micturition (simple pollakiuria, or pollakiuria proper), but also an imperious desire to satisfy the act. The cure by indirect suggestion consisted in the daily administration of pills of methylene blue. In another case mentioned—a hysterical woman—the symptoms of polyuria, simple pollakiuria, and imperious pollakiuria, with identical characteristics to the above, were induced by hypnotic suggestion.

Cases of simple irritable bladder, unaccompanied by any signs of organic lesions, are, no doubt, as a rule cases of this imperious pollakiuria, and probably mostly hysterical. Suggestion, direct or indirect, appears to afford a hope of cure.

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*A Case of Hysterical Anorexia [Un cas d'anorexie hystérique].* (*Nowv. Icon. de la Salpt., Jan., Feb., 1900.*) Gasne, G.

A girl æt. 16 years, of indifferent family history, who had had hysterical attacks, hysterical paraplegia, and amaurosis, was admitted