

on the turning-reflex of the frog, which depends on the deeper brain-centres. Some recent views on tolerance are also discussed.

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*Petimal in the Treatment of Epilepsy and the Convulsive Syndrome generally* [*Petimal gegen Epilepsie und den sonstigen Krampf komplex*]. (*Psych.-Neurol. Wochens.*, No. 8, February 25, 1928.) Nussbaum, R.

A mixture consisting of extract of *adonis vernalis* with caffeine sodium benzoate, sodium phenylbarbiturate and strontium bromide, known as petimal is recommended, alone or in combination with veronal or luminal, in the treatment of convulsive states. Experimentally it is found to prevent convulsions induced by cocaine, camphor or picrotoxin, but not those of strychnine; its action is therefore cerebral. It is also used in the treatment of various states of increased nervous irritability, including anxiety states, visceral neuroses, etc.

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*Report of Committee on Installations and Advice.* (*Occup. Therap. and Rehabil.*, February, 1928.)

This report of a committee presumably appointed by the American Occupational Therapy Association deals with crafts of loom-weaving, frame-weaving and card-weaving. The various types of patients to which each are suitable are described and the physical processes involved in each are detailed. It is remarked that "weaving is especially valuable for the treatment of mental patients because it can be made to give a good deal of varied physical exercise, arouses interest, and can be graded to meet the mental needs of all types of patients."

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*Occupational Therapy in a Tuberculosis Sanatorium and its Relation to After-Care, etc.* (*Occup. Therap. and Rehabil.*, February, 1928.) Hedding, B. E.

The author does not intend his article to interest the psychiatrist in particular, but in view of the liability of the psychotic to tuberculosis the interest does arise. Dr. Hedding describes briefly the value and place of occupational treatment, though he regards it as a process of "hardening" the patient, particularly with a view to his resuming his employment. The occupational measures are out-door ones, and statistics are given of its results.

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1. *Occupation Therapy in Institutions Dealing with Patients of the Educated and Well-to-do Classes* [*Beschäftigungstherapie in Anstalten bei Nerven und Geisteskranken der gebildeten und besser situierten Kreise*]. Kahlbaum.
2. *Some Experiences of Modern Occupation Therapy* [*Erfahrungen mit der moderner Beschäftigungstherapie*]. Schreiber. (*Both in Psych.-Neurol. Wochens.*, No. 9, March 3, 1928.)

Dr. Kahlbaum describes what he considers to be the most favourable conditions for the development of occupation therapy among