the symptomatology the tendency to ratiocination is the most notable peculiarity, but Sichel agrees with Pilcz that there is no specific *psychosis judaica*.

The paper contains many other interesting details, and a bibliography of the subject is appended.

HAVELOCK ELLIS.

Protection against Criminal Lunatics [*Die Unschädlichmachung geisteskranker Verbrecher*]. (*Psychiat. Neurolog. Wochensch.*, April 11th, 1908.) Dr. Risch.

The article deals with the manner in which insane and weak-minded criminals should be treated, and discusses the use of the term "verminderte Zurechnungsfähigkeit" (mental incapacity, enfeebled power of judgment, insufficient psychical resistance). The author's remarks formed the subject of a leading article in the *Frankfurter Zeitung*, Nr. 262. After pointing out that feeble-minded criminals, notably those who have been committed for indecent assault, are set at large after a shorter or longer term of imprisonment, the author suggests that as soon as mental defect is proved, such cases should at once be committed to asylums. Asylum treatment as compared with prison treatment has these advantages, *viz.*, greater precaution taken to prevent discharge until recovery is certain, and the possibility of treatment of the mental condition. The treatment of criminal cases suggested by the author is rest in bed under observation. On no account must the patient be placed in a single room. This treatment is correct for all feeble-minded persons whose habits make them a danger to the community, alcoholics, epileptics, hysterical and criminal paranoiacs.

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5. Asylum Reports issued in 1908.

Albany Hospital Report for 1907. Mosher, J. M.

The fifth report of Pavilion F of the Albany Hospital is as satisfactory as in previous years. Pavilion F still claims to be unique in the United States as the only example of an attempt, in connection with a general hospital, to treat early mental disease "under the voluntary relation, without commitment as insane."

Nearly twelve hundred cases have now been treated, with most satisfactory results, as evidenced by the statistics.

The most striking paragraph in the report is the condemnation of the use of narcotics. Dr. Mosher says, "the failure to induce natural sleep by artificial means might be regarded as axiomatic were it not that these poisons are in almost universal use," and adds, the first effort in treatment "is toward the elimination of noxious substances."

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Some English County and Borough Asylums.

Brighton Borough.—The Committee is considering the question of making provision for private patients, in a building apart from the