concussion of the brain or spine, which the most costly treatment administered later fails to cure. Care should be exercised, however, that prolonged rest does not result in hysterical astasia-abasia or paraplegia. Except in severe cases of stupor, the patient should be made to go to the lavatory and to bathe from the first day. When there is no longer pain in the head and back, exercise should be taken, but massage often aggravates the pain and causes introspection.

2. PSYCHOSES.

Bourdillon. MONGOLIAN IDIOCY AND QUADRUPEDAL GAIT. [*Revue Médicale de la Suisse Romande*, Oct. 20, 1918.]

This is a comparatively rare form of idiocy of which 69 personal cases in 13 years were seen by Comby. Two recent cases with new form of behavior—the well marked quadrupedal gait, also the suppleness of the joints, the acrobatic poses and a tendency to monkey-like mimicry and the familiar behavior as of some domestic animal. The child was affectionate, docile, harmless and fond of being petted, showing, as it did, an enjoyment of life and having complete animal development. There was no element suggesting a throwback to a Simian ancestor.

Hinrichsen, O. THE WAR PSYCHOSES OF THE BELLIGERENT NATIONS. [Basel, Ernst Finckh, 1917, p. 48.]

The writer attempts here to outline some of the psychological factors at work to produce and maintain the war, but without applying to the situation either censure or approval. He is merely considering the exhibitions of a national psychology in which a collective affect dominates toward a certain attitude and toward a belligerent outbreak. Individuals who had not believed such a war possible were at last so stirred by the continued efforts of the governing classes and their utterances that whole nations finally went mad and developed contagious war psychosis. The collective mind is swayed by extreme factors which are less effective in the individual acting alone. Individuals sink themselves into the mass and are moved by fear, as, for example, of spies and espionage, by considerations of glory, love of country, etc.

Each nation manifests typical hysterical reactions in large form and in these reactions is a typical suggestibility in accord with the underlying feeling tone. England's mass psychology has been marked by economic instincts and ideas and influenced by dogmas which are interpreted in the light of these instincts and ideas of the Englishman's own. To the French the "revanche" idea has been charged with such an affective tone that the collective national mind has been for years kept ablaze and dominated by this idea. In Italy the "Irredentia" idea stood in the same way for national pride and the need for expansion. Germany was dominated against the will also of her individual citizens, by an unconscious current in her collective mind which was being driven