in the forms of tabloids were given daily and on the third day the pulse had fallen to 130 and was quite regular. The treatment was continued, the amount of thymus being gradually increased to 100 grains daily, and at the end of three weeks the pulse had fallen to 73 and was regular, the pulsation over the cardiac area and the thyroid being very much less. The size of the thyroid was not diminished, but the exophthalmos was less marked. The patient felt much better, was able to sleep, and took food well. At one time she was without the drug for three days, during which time she did not feel so well.

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TREATMENT OF CHLOROSIS BY OVARINE.

MM. Spillmann and G. Etienne (*Gazette Hebdomadaire de Médecine*, Aug. 27, 1896) treated six chlorotic cases with ovarian substance in the form of fresh sheep's ovaries or ovarian fluid prepared by the Brown-Séquard method. All the patients suffered acute pain in the lower abdomen with headache and vague muscular aches. Two of the patients had some elevation of temperature; three others improved very distinctly, the general condition grew better, the pallor lessened, the number of white corpuscles increased and the strength improved. Menstruation, which had disappeared for three months and a half, returned after the fifteenth day in one case and after about three months in another. The authors believe that ovarine favors the elimination of toxins, and introduces into the organism an antitoxic principle which has a general favorable effect, a conclusion which is scarcely borne out by the long continued treatment which was necessary before the patients showed any marked improvement.

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FURTHER OBSERVATIONS ON THE EXCRETION OF URIC ACID IN EPILEPSY AND THE EFFECTS OF DIET AND DRUGS ON THE FITS. By A. Haig. *Brain*, Spring, 1896.

In this article, the author, whose views on the baneful effects of an excess of uric acid in the system are well known, attempts to establish a causal relation between uric acid and epilepsy. His convictions and his hopes are expressed in the following statement: "The fits of epilepsy . . . bear an extremely close relationship to the uric acid headache (migraine), and like this are probably functional disorders due to altered circulation in the brain. . . . The headache is controlled with almost absolute certainty by a diet which frees the blood from excess of uric acid."

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