

special substance, which arises by specific necrosis of the protoplasm of the cells, but a derivation of the fibrinum. A true pseudo-membrane is never found on a mucous membrane covered with epithelium; therefore we must conclude that croupous and diphtheritic pseudo-membranes are homologous in histology and origin. The existence of fibrine alone in both pseudo-membranes would be sufficient to prove the inflammatory origin of both affections; but the examination of the mucous membranes in experimental croup and epidermic diphtheria have shown the inflammatory nature. The authors conclude that from the anatomical standard croup and diphtheria are identical. *Michael.*

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