

## CLINICAL.

## APHASIA.

Dr. Knoblauch reports an interesting case of disorder of the articulating capacity from cerebral disease. The patient, a child six years old, presented motor aphasia and right-sided hemiplegia following acute encephalitis, consequent upon scarlatinal nephritis. From the beginning of the aphasia, which was permanent, the patient was incapable of spontaneous speech, although he appreciated perfectly everything that was said to him. The curious part of the case was, that articulation was possible when the little patient attempted to sing familiar airs (*Centralblatt f. klinische Medicin*).

The report of this case recalls to the writer similar phenomena presented by a patient who came under her notice some years ago. With the exception of the attack to be related, the young woman was in perfect health, was highly intelligent and anxious to be cured of her affliction. About once a year, for a number of years, the patient was suddenly seized with an attack resembling very much that of catalepsy, from which she would emerge with complete aphasia. During the aphasic period, which sometimes extended over several months, the patient was able to attend her duties as a public singer, articulation being perfect in singing voice. The restoration of the voice would be observed after an attack of less severity than the one in which the voice was lost. In the interval between the seizures the voice was natural and the patient in good condition. B. M.

HYPERTHERMIA AND HYPOTHERMIA IN  
HYSTERIA.

Dr. Raffaele reports an interesting case, in "*Gazzetta delle Cliniche*," of a female, age thirty, who, after an attack of severe odontalgia, was taken with a low form of fever. The first week the temperature ranged from 37° C. to 38.5° C. In the second week it gradually rose to 41° C. Thinking that typhoid fever may be present, a thorough examination was made, but with negative results. The third week the temperature rose to 43.5° C. During attacks of lethargy the temperature fell to 34.5° C. Toward the end of the fourth week there was present complete anuria and irritability of the stomach. The circulation and respiration remained normal throughout