

little hypochondriac who will live to condemn the parent who made him a burden to himself and a curse to others. Fear of the dark, of thunder and lightning, of animals, burglars, accidents, spirits, devils and death, is born of parental foolishness, and is always potentially the seed of later nervousness. Quite recently a physician who for many years has had at intervals typical and intense agoraphobia with fear of sudden death, told me with the utmost naivete that when a child he never could sleep alone. It seems never to have occurred to him that if he could not sleep alone it was because he was allowed to have such a fear, or quite as likely, because the parents carelessly or deliberately planted fear in his infant mind."—*Pediatrics*.

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## Special Selections

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### DERANGED UTERINE FUNCTIONS.

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It is safe to say that to the average physician, who is confronted almost daily with the ordinary cases of suppressed and deranged uterine function, no other class of cases is so uniformly disappointing in results and yields so sparing a return for the care and time devoted to their conduct.

Patients suffering from disorders of this nature are usually drawn from the middle walks of life, and, by reason of the pressure of household duties or the performance of the daily tasks incidental to their vocation, are entirely unable, in the slightest degree, to assist, by proper rest or procedure, the action of the administered remedy.

Many of these patients, too, suffer in silence for months, and even when forced by the extremity of their sufferings to the physician, shrink from relating a complete history of their condition and absolutely refuse to submit to an examination. Authoritative medical teaching and experience unite in forcing upon the attendant a most pessimistic view of his efforts in behalf of these sufferers under such conditions.

It is in this class of practice, where almost everything depends upon the remedy alone, that a peculiarly aggravating condition