

MAGNAN'S SYMPTOM IN COCAINE POISONING.—Rybakoff, at the Moscow Neurological Society (*Munch. med. Woch.*) insisted on the diagnostic value of Magnan's symptom in chronic intoxication of cocaine. It is an hallucination of sensation consisting in a feeling as of foreign bodies, grains of sand, crystals, worms or microbes below the skin. Korsakoff mentioned a case in which this symptom was present, and was found to be due to the use of vaginal tampons containing cocaine, on the discontinuance of which it ceased.—*British Medical Journal*.

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HYSTERIA SIMULATING ECLAMPSIA IN PREGNANCY.—Bescarlet (*L'Obstetrique*) reported at the Geneva Congress the case of a pregnant woman who caught cold and inflammation of the kidney ensued. The fœtus died, and several convulsive attacks followed. Bescarlet maintained that they were purely hysterical. The chief positive evidence was their punctual occurrence at a certain time for several nights in succession. They differed from even mild eclampsia by the absence of vomiting, coma, deranged vision and facial convulsions.—*British Medical Journal*.

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BACILLUS OF THE BUBO PLAGUE.—Zettnow (*Ztschr. für Hygiene und Infektionskr.*) has contributed to the morphology and biology of the bubo plague, in an article based on experiments made in Koch's laboratory. The bacillus is immotile, exhibits no flagellæ, and is surrounded by a large capsule. In the living bacillus a central nucleus can be detected, surrounded by a clear zone of protoplasm. It does not liquefy gelatin, and the colonies are finely granular and quite circumscribed.—*Medicine*.

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TREATMENT OF GONORRHOEA BY SILVER CITRATE.—O. Werler reports in the *Medical Week* that he has obtained excellent results with silver citrate in the treatment of a large number of cases of acute and chronic urethritis of gonorrhœal origin. In acute cases he employs a solution of 25 milligrammes in 200 grammes of distilled water, to be used as an injection four times daily with an ordinary urethral syringe. This mild solution is followed by one of increasing strength until 5 centigrammes to 200 grammes of water is reached. Dr. Werler has found that the silver salt exerts a powerful gonocidal action, greater than that possessed by the silver nitrate, and is much less irritating to the mucous membrane of the urethra. Especially favorable action was noted in those cases in which the treatment was begun early, before the organisms had time to penetrate deeply into the epithelial surface.—*Medicine*.