

in the disease. In order, however, to obtain its full physiological power, it is useless to prescribe it in the doses given in the Br. Ph. At least one drachm of the fluid extract should be given three times daily. Even from considerably larger doses than this I have never seen any untoward effects. Galvanism is probably the most powerful means for good that we possess. It should be applied, according to Erb,* as follows: The anode should be placed over the spine, between the shoulder blades, and the kathode worked along the whole of the cervical spine. From one to two minutes sittings of not more than six or eight Stohrer elements is recommended. Still weaker currents may be used directly applied to the posterior part of the head, so as directly to influence the medulla. Galvanization of the sympathetic (subaural galvanization) may fulfill the symptomatic indication of slowing the circulation.

The other symptomatic indications that arise during the course of the disease require no special treatment. The alleged cure of some cases of this disease by the removal of the enlarged thyroid has led some recent observers to maintain that there are two forms of Graves' disease—one local, and due to the pressure exerted by the enlarged gland on the sympathetic, the other due to changes in the central nervous system, and that the former is curable by surgical means.

We will commence the treatment of this man's case by giving him 45 minims of the fluid extract of ergot three times daily, and gradually increase the dose until he takes a drachm or more three times daily. To prevent any misconception as to its action, we will give it alone. If, after a course of three months' treatment, there is no improvement, we will then employ galvanism.

* Erb, *Handbuch der Elektrotherapie*, s. 596.