

Case 2. Miss —, age 30, has been a sufferer for years with dysmenorrhea. For about three years had suffered with leucorrhœa, particularly annoying after each menstrual period. Had undergone treatment at different times for the leucorrhœa and dysmenorrhea, but had never experienced permanent benefit. She had been obliged to expend the couple of days of each period in bed. She consulted me about one week before her period. Examination revealed a purulent discharge oozing from os cervix and a rather large uterus. There was no displacement. She was put upon Ergoapiol (Smith), one capsule three times a day. The onset occurred one day earlier than expected, and was attended with considerable pain. The patient was, however, able to attend to her usual duties, a state of affairs such as had not been experienced for some years. At the onset of the flow Ergoapiol (Smith) was administered, one capsule every two hours. The effect was astonishing. In eight hours the pain had well-nigh subsided, and there was practically no discomfort, except some pain in back.

Case 3. Miss —, age 21, had suffered for two years with irregular and painful menstruation. Had commenced to menstruate when sixteen, menses being very scanty, but regular, and accompanied with but slight degree of suffering. Was never of a very robust physique, but in the main healthy. When about nineteen, considerable nervous trouble was inaugurated by grieving over a great bereavement, and the menses became more and more painful. The anguish became such a horror to her that she frequently resorted to morphine, partly to allay pain and partly to procure sleep. Fortunately, she had not, as yet, contracted the habit, but the tendency was undoubtedly in that direction. When first consulted by her, examination was not granted. Menses appearing shortly afterward, was called upon to afford relief. Flow was very scanty and clotted. There were sleeplessness, terrific headache, pain in back, constipation, etc. Ergoapiol (Smith) was administered, one capsule every three hours. Flow was considerably increased, there was a gradual lessening of all the suffering, and almost complete relief in twelve hours. This young woman has been placed upon Ergoapiol (Smith), one capsule twice daily for one week preceding appearance of menses, and has passed through several periods with very little suffering. An examination made recently showed a marked retroversion and very sensitive cervix. A properly applied supporter will doubtless work considerable benefit in her case, but it cannot be disputed that the comparatively easy menstruations