

sometimes, when digitalis cannot be borne by the stomach, but it has no influence over the disease. Thyroid extract is another useless substance. Meat-juice, milk, and beef-tea are better. For the control of the heart no drug yields such good results as digitalis. If the heart beats with great violence, veratrum may be ordered. But digitalis alone acts with any permanently good effects. Then the remedy that the author relies upon for the cure of the disease is potassium iodide. This goes to the very root of the disease. This aids in the absorption of superabundant tissue, the enlarged gland, the fat in the orbit, lessens the vaso-motor disturbance, and slows the heart. The anæmia may be treated with arsenic or Blaud's pills. The arsenic acts also as an alterative, and assists the iodide. The general regulation of the diet, bowels, and hygiene of the patient must be looked to.

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TREATMENT OF CONVULSIONS IN CHILDREN.—Dr. B. Sachs, of New York, in *N.Y. Polyclinic*, for 15th February, remarks that convulsions in children may be due to a number of different causes, as gastro-intestinal trouble, the onset of some acute disease, or the first symptom of acute cerebral or spinal diseases. Apart from the disease that may be coming on, the convulsion in itself is a danger to the child. One of the main duties of the physician is to stay with the patient until the remedies employed have acted. The first and most important remedy is the administration of chloroform. This should be given so as to control the convulsions. It should then be omitted, and on the first indications of a return, it should be again resorted to. In some cases, nitrite of amyl may be given along with the chloroform. This dilates the vessels. When the convulsions have ceased, the bowels should be thoroughly evacuated. The author favors controlling the convulsions before giving the enema, unless the convulsions are the result of acute poisoning. The child is then put to bed, and bromide and chloral ordered in fair doses, according to the age of the patient. If the stomach be very irritable, these should be given per rectum. If the cortical irritability is very pronounced and the danger of frequent recurrent attacks is imminent, it is a good plan during the first few days to give hypodermic injections of morphine. It should not be continued long, as it constipates the bowels. The stomach and bowels must be kept in a good condition. Doses of calomel or castor oil often is of much service after the convulsions have been arrested. In convulsions due to malaria, often primarily controlling the attack, the remedy to be given is quinine. This must be pushed to cure the malaria. The convulsions that occur at the time of dentition, is best treated as above indicated. The gums may be lanced. This can do no harm, but it rarely does any good.