

FACIAL PARALYSIS.—Dr. Neumann (*Neurol. Centralb.*) says that the special liability of the facial nerve to be affected is due not so much to its exposed position, else the ulnar should often be affected, but to the large number of lymphatics and lymphatic glands surrounding it at its exit from the stylo-mastoid foramen. Stagnation of lymph would favor morbid changes in the neighboring nerve, and such stagnation would be particularly likely to occur at night; hence the frequency of nocturnal onsets.—*Medical Record.*

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ACUTE AND SUBACUTE LARYNGITIS.—In cases of acute and subacute laryngitis, as diagnosed with the laryngoscope, the symptoms being hoarseness, dysphagia and more or less burning of the throat, Dr. Gibb advises the following: Zinc sulphate, 20 grains; Powdered starch, 1 ounce. This is applied by insufflation through a suitably curved nozzle, directly to the parts affected. Its action is that of a strong astringent. A 2 per cent. solution of argentic nitrate may be applied to the affected parts, in conjunction with the above treatment.—*Philadelphia Polyclinic.*

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THE typhoid bacillus retains its vitality even when dried for a long period. According to some experiments of Uffelmann, it retains its virulence when kept in dry earth for twenty-one days; in street-sweepings, thirty days or more; in sand, eighty-two days; on wood, thirty-two days; and on linen, over sixty days. The microbes retain their power of growth still longer in moist media. Uffelmann asserts also that typhoid bacilli may be carried by the air as well as by the clothing, and that they are thus capable of infecting milk, water, and various foodstuffs, and that typhoid fever is therefore not solely a water-borne disease.—*Medical Record.*

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A WARNING TO DOCTORS.—We all know how difficult it is to keep back anything from one's wife. If she suspects that "hubby" knows anything of a confidential nature about any of his pretty patients she has a thousand ways of getting it out of him; and she always vows most earnestly that she will not tell. Too often hubby yields to the pressure. It may be that he compounds with his conscience, and justifies himself with the figure of speech "better half," or "man and wife one"; and again, a secret may be so great as to require two to keep it, he says. At any rate, has a doctor the right to take his wife into partnership with his professional secrets?—*Texas Medical Journal.*