

GYNÆCOLOGY.

Hydrastinine in Uterine Hæmorrhage.

Gottschalk, *Brooklyn Medical Journal*, says hydrastinine may be employed.

1. First of all, in those uterine hæmorrhages which are traceable to a pronounced congestion of the uterus. To these belong, above all, the often very profuse menorrhagias of spinsters, in whom there is no pathological change in the condition of the genitals. In some of these cases it is possible to obtain a permanent result, so that even after discontinuing the remedy the menstrual flow remains smaller.

2. Also in hæmorrhages which have their pathological and anatomical cause in endometritis, hydrastinine will lessen the quantity of blood, but here, according to Gottschalk's experience, the action is only palliative, not being sufficient alone to cure the local cause of the trouble.

3. For prophylactic or intermenstrual use, hydrastinine is useful before or during the first returning profuse menstruation after an abrasion of the uterine mucosa. It is well known that this men-

struation, usually occurring after six weeks, is often very profuse. In the very cases where there was a great loss of blood before the operation, it is of great importance to prevent further profuse hæmorrhage. This is possible if the treatment with hydrastinine is begun several days before the expected menstruation, and, if necessary, continued during the duration of the menstruation.

4. Menorrhagias caused by retroflexio uteri are best treated by correction of the malposition, but for cases of fixed retroflexion, where the reposition is not yet possible, hydrastinine is a commendable remedy.

5. Secondly, uterine hæmorrhages—i. e., those caused by a change of the adnexa and their surroundings—offer a large field for the successful use of hydrastinine. To these belong the menorrhagia and metrorrhagia with pyosalpinx, oöphoritis, ovarian tumours and exudations. Of course the cause of the trouble is not influenced by the remedy.

6. Climacteric menorrhagias are much diminished by a faithfully carried out hydrastinine treatment.

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