

GONOCOCCUS PYÆMIA. — Singer (*Wien. med. Presse*) gives an account of some cases of general gonococcus infection, including one of endocarditis which terminated favorably. Comparing this micro-organism with streptococci, he considers it, as would be expected from the results of experiment, much less virulent in nature, so that the demonstration of the gonococcus in a disease having the appearance of pyæmia is to be taken as a favorable sign. He points out, also, that the resemblance of gonorrhœal to rheumatic arthritis is much closer than has generally been held. He holds that the extragenital complications of the gonorrhœal process (affections of the heart, joints, tendon sheaths, iris, etc.) arise from dissemination of the gonococcus through the circulation, and are really to be classed as metastases. These metastases are comparable to those of pyæmia, and

may occur a long time after the primary gonorrhœal infection. In rare cases the clinical picture of the resulting disease shows a perfect similarity to that of ordinary pyæmia to such cases the name gonococcus pyæmia should be applied. Furthermore, gonorrhœal arthritis is very often (contrary to the general opinion) multiarticular, resembling in this, as in many other respects, true joint rheumatism.—*Brit. Med. Jour.*

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