

nourishment or similar drag on the vitality. The symptom-complex of retroflexion of the uterus is identical with that of wandering kidney and enteroptosis. The peritoneum of women with this displacement of the bowels is exceptionally sensitive, and this sensitiveness is increased by any genital affection. The effect on the general nervous system has nothing to do with hysteria and neurasthenia. Enteroptosis is undoubtedly on the increase, but the paintings of the old masters show that it has always existed. Memling's "Eve," in the Vienna gallery, is a typical example, and also some of Botticelli's women, while the number of modern painters who admire the enteroptotic type, he states, is considerable, especially the pre-Raphaelites. Treatment must consist in general strengthening measures. In severe cases strict bed rest and Weir Mitchell forced feeding may be ordered. Gymnastic exercises to strengthen the muscles of the thorax and of the abdominal walls correspond to causal indications. A well-fitting abdominal bandage below the umbilicus, supported on the pelvic girdle, will put an end to a number of the disturbances. Weight from the shoulders should be avoided. In conclusion Mathes declares that the local treatment of gynecologic affections should be restricted to the minimum and to those cases alone in which it responds to the causal indications. Prophylaxis is important to recognize and to compensate the constitutional effect and to keep all exciting causes away from those predisposed to this condition.—*Arch. of Gyn. and J. A. M. A.*

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We learn that a somewhat serious epidemic of typhoid fever has existed in certain outlying districts of Montreal for the past two or three months. There seems to be some mystery regarding the cause of the outbreak. It seems that the Health authorities have not as yet given any accurate information on the subject, and prefer not to do so until they are sure of their ground.

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We are told by *American Medicine* that the system of free distribution of diphtheria antitoxine throughout the State of New York has been enforced for a few months with the result that the disease has been reduced about 80 per cent. This means that instead of claiming 420 lives out of over 1,000 children afflicted with the disease, diphtheria gets only 88 victims out of 1,000.