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HOFRATH FUCHS' CLINIC.

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Having lately had a year's experience in the far-famed ophthalmological Clinic of Professor Fuchs at Vienna, I feel that its highly successful methods should be more widely known. This clinic represents half of the eye department belonging to the largest hospital in the world, and Professor Fuchs, who is its head, towers mentally, as he does physically, above those around him. He is always supported by at least five thoroughly qualified assistants, among whom the extensive work of the out-door, refractive, operative and ward departments is divided.

Out-door Section.—This consists of two rooms. In one of these the forty or fifty new patients of the day congregate. None are admitted after 9.30 a.m., at which hour the Hofrath and his assistants see all the cases presenting themselves and assign them to the external disease, refractive, ophthalmoscopic or operative departments according to the nature of the trouble. The work of the day then commences in earnest, and in the other room of this section, on an average fifty old and new cases are treated every day.

In simple conjunctival inflammations, lotions of boracic acid (gr. xvi. to f ℥j) or zinc sulphate (gr. i. to f ℥j) are at first used. When the secretion becomes more copious, however, and no ulcers of the cornea are present, a solution of nitrate of silver (gr. viii. to f ℥j) is applied, this being immediately neutralized by a common salt-solution.