

THE ACTIVE TREATMENT OF SHOCK should be directed to the stimulation of the heart, until reaction shall occur. Hypodermic injections of the one-twentieth of a grain of strychnia, repeated at short intervals, are perhaps the most efficacious remedy. In addition, hypodermic injections of digitalin, sulphate of atropia, nitroglycerine, and citrate of caffeine should be administered as required. Morphine is dangerous and should not be given, as it has been the cause of death in not a few instances. The pain in these cases can be more quickly and safely relieved by the induction of anæsthesia. As soon as the stomach is retentive, peptones, peptonized milk and beef extracts should be given in small quantities and at frequent intervals. In cases where shock is prolonged for several days, the only hope of the patient should be in a careful attention to diet, and the intelligent use of stimulants.—*Dr. G. King in International Journal of Surgery.*

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FIBROID TUMOR AND CONCEPTION.—Hofmeier (*Zeitschr. f. Geburts. u. Gynak*) denies that fibroid disease of the uterus has any direct influence in causing sterility. Subserous myomata do not predispose very strongly to sterility, as proven by statistics, while polypi and cervical myomata have little influence in that direction. These tumors seldom appear till late in sexual life, so that if the patient is barren, or a multipara, the causes of her sterility or fecundity must have influenced her long before the development of her tumor. He claims that the alleged frequency of this disease in elderly virgins is based on a fallacy. It is the local affection which drives most readily a spinster to the gynæcologist, while middle-aged married women trouble less about small and slowly growing abdominal tumors. Women with fibroids, who marry late in sexual life, are fairly fertile. Fibroids, he says, do not strongly predispose to abortion, nor do the tumors greatly interfere with the uterine contractions during labor. The best time for hysterectomy is a few weeks or months after delivery.—*Philadelphia Polyclinic.*

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CLEANSE THE PRIME VIE.—We again take occasion to urge the necessity of emptying the alimentary canal before attempting to check diarrhoea, by the use of opiates and astringents. Within the last few weeks we have seen several cases in adults and children in which the attempted locking up of irritating and decomposing material in the intestines has only done harm, as it can readily be seen on reflection must be the case. The bowels, unless paralyzed, continue to move frequently but ineffectively, and toxins are absorbed. With children there may be convulsions. Calomel or castor oil and spiced sirup of