

insist upon a certain form of examination. Hysteria is essentially a fatigue neurosis and in the use of a subjective test like the perimeter one may easily obtain evidence that is quite misleading. In other words, mapping out the limits of the field of vision in a hysterope requires more time and patience than is generally given to it. In my opinion, all uncomplicated cases of hysteric defect show a concentric contraction and a fairly uniform boundary of the visual field. In the case whose field I show you there were, when it was first measured, several apparently reentrant angles but these disappeared when the patient was allowed to close her eyes and rest for an instant every thirty seconds during the examination. I do not think that hand perimeters, or objects simply held in front of the face, should be used in examining hysteric patients. A stationary perimeter, accurately adjusted should always be employed and the suspected hysteric should remove the chin from the rest and close her eyes frequently during the examination. Moreover, only one eye should be examined at a sitting and control tests must be repeatedly made. I have often had an opportunity to observe the necessity for taking these precautions, and am convinced that improper conclusions may readily be drawn from the usual method of examination.

#### MONOCULAR DIPLOPIA OR POLYOPIA

This is a curious hysteric phenomenon, probably the result of ciliary spasm. When care is taken not to suggest it to the patient, it may be developed in many hysteroopes. I say developed, because, like defects in the field of vision, the patient is usually unconscious of the double vision, as such. It commonly presents itself to him or her as part of the visual defect in the manner in which the examination is carried out, of great importance. A test should be made in both a lighted and darkened room. In the former, one eye being covered, a white match is held vertically three or four inches in front of the uncovered eye. As in