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### HEADACHE.\*

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**T**H**ERE** is no symptom which is thrust more prominently upon the notice of the physician than headache. It is safe to say that nine out of every ten patients we meet with complain of headache to a greater or less degree. If we eliminate local causes for headache we will find that it is a symptom of a large class of bodily diseases, some of which may be in distant parts of the body. If the headache should be a prominent symptom we are inclined to treat it alone because of its persistency, and to overlook the primal cause of this painful signal of distress. In short, we are always to keep in mind the various reflexes which, in their multifarious forms, cause abnormal function and suffering beyond the central pathological area. For example, we have an intermittent pulse in various

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