

# Psychiatry

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## **Nervous and Mental Disturbances of the Male Climacteric.** By

A. CHURCH. *Jour. of the Amer. Med. Assoc.*

Church, after referring to the opinions and observations of various writers (the most thorough, however, those of Fleiss and Swoboda, are omitted), states his belief that there is a monthly rhythm in man as in woman, and, further, that men also pass through a certain climacteric. He has observed cases of epilepsy and migraine whose manifestations showed a monthly rhythm. At the climacteric various minor disturbances are common, particularly depression, anxiety (he erroneously includes obsessions under the anxiety neurosis), loss of weight, indigestion and increase in arterial attention. They have no serious import. The physical health should be built up.

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## **The Dependence of Neurology on Internal Medicine.** By

COLLINS and BAILEY. *Jour. of the Amer. Med. Assoc.*

The main thesis of this paper is the neglect of neurology in America, and the importance of establishing neurological wards or hospitals where competent workers may carry out investigation and treatment. "Magnificent endowments almost yearly further the advances in surgery, medicine and psychiatry (?), but neurology is left to take care of itself. . . . In the recognition of brain abscess, meningitis, acute intoxications and injuries of the nervous system, the student either goes uninstructed or else gets his instruction from men neither particularly interested nor particularly versed in these subjects. . . . Ever since the publication of Erichsen's book on spinal injuries, it has become every year more obvious that nervous diseases require men of special equipment, judgment and inclination to interpret them correctly. Neurology is more special in study and practice than any of the recognized subdivisions of surgery, just as special and far more extended than ophthalmology or otology. So thoroughly has it been recognized as a field of activity *sui generis* that no argument on the subject seems