

The veins are affected as well but rarely closed up. The perivascular lymph spaces are also involved, and circulation of both blood and lymph is greatly interfered with. This leads to altered nutrition of the cells in the surrounding brain tissue, and a process of inflammatory œdema is set up. Thus it may be seen that the venous stasis, and the distension of perivascular lymphatics and ventricles, by altered cerebro-spinal fluid play a very important part in cerebral syphilis. Dr. Mott believes the brain lymph has an excess of carbonic acid, nucleo-albumous, products of degeneration, etc. Nutrition is largely denied the nervous elements, while they are at the same time surrounded by a pathological fluid. The functions of that part affected is in abeyance. If more widespread we have a ready explanation of stupor, dementia, etc., and if the external conditions acting on the nerve cells are withdrawn, before the cell dies, function may be restored. Hence, the disappearance and reappearance of symptoms in syphilitic disease.

Syphilis in Egypt is bad, on account of the popular ignorance and superstition, universal filth and prejudice against treatment. Extragenital sores are not uncommon, being found on the lips, mucous membrane of the mouth, abdominal wall from shaving pubic hair, within the anus of young boys, the result of "unnatural vice." A religious difficulty confronts those who would treat congenital syphilis. It is considered wrong to allow water to touch the skin of a child during the first year of life.