

cataract, in this case, was the direct result of the severe illness which followed the patient's miscarriage.

Case 3. Soft Cataract.

Jefferson Hicks, aet. 4 years, was brought to me at the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital on April 12th, 1889, with mature cataract in both eyes. The cataracts had been first noticed when he was two years old. Having dilated his pupils with a weak solution of atropine, and having placed him under ether, I made a small incision in the centre of each of his anterior capsules with a knife needle. On the 14th both eyes were somewhat more red than normal, and the little fellow had developed an apparent suppression of urine. The house surgeon attempted to pass a catheter but failed to enter the bladder. Some urine escaped soon after, however. On April 15th the child was restless and constipated, and had a temperature of $99\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$. A laxative was administered, but it failed to operate. On the 16th an enema was given, and it relieved the bowels and the bladder also. He recovered steadily after that, and on April 19th, a week after the operation, he was discharged. He was brought back on May 31st, and a second needling was done on each eye. There was no reaction following these operations, and on June 8th the *fundi* could be seen with the ophthalmoscope, and the optic disks looked atrophic. The patient was discharged with clear pupils.

Possibly the suppression of urine was due to the *atropine*, a drop of which was put into the eye operated upon once daily.

Case 4. Soft Cataract.

Gordon Hicks, aged two and a half years, a brother of the last patient, was brought to the hospital at the same time, and had the same history, namely, that his lenses were observed to be cataractous when he was two years old. His lenses were needled on the same day and with the same precautions as his brother's. Five days later (April 17th) it was noted that his cataracts were absorbing very rapidly, and that he was running about the room without colliding with the various articles of furniture. He went home with his brother on April 19th, and was brought back with him on May 31st. His cataracts were on that day needled again, and he was discharged on June 8th with clear pupils. As no note was made of any ophthalmoscopic examination in his case, I infer that he could not be kept quiet enough for that purpose.

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Incontinence of Urine.

Incontinence of urine in the female due to lack of power in the vesical sphincter is relieved, according to the *Journal of Medicine and Science*, by minim doses of tincture of cantharides well diluted.

According to the *Journal de Médecine de Paris* for July 2, Dr. Spaak of Brussels, has obtained excellent hemostatic results from a mixture of two parts of chloroform with 100 parts of water. This mixture is said to rapidly arrest bleeding after tooth extraction.—*Med. Times*.

Oil of erigeron, one to five drops every three hours, is valuable in uterine hemorrhages.—*Med. Times and Register*.