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**AUTHOR'S ABSTRACT.—INSANITY IN WOMEN
BY THE GYNECOLOGICAL AND OBSETRI-
CAL POINT OF VIEW.**

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From the careful consideration of a large number of recent articles by writers of great knowledge of this subject added to the writer's own somewhat limited experience, he feels justified in coming to the following conclusions.

1st. Insanity is not hereditary as is generally supposed, but it is sometimes contagious.

2nd. Insanity in the majority of cases is not due to organic disease of the brain, but to functional disorders of its circulation and of its circulating fluid.

3rd. In many cases in women the disorder of the brain's circulation is caused by reflex irritation carried by the sympathetic from the pelvic organs and caused by retroversion of the uterus, cirrhotic ovaries, fibroid tumor, etc.

4th. In other cases it is the fluid circulating in the brain which is at fault; in some it is too poor in quality, because