

breath, the state of the pupils, the condition of the reflexes ; besides, if the patient be in a conscious state, press for accurate information from himself if possible.

My own experience has been that when one has been injured in the sober state if we interrogate he will explain how it occurred without difficulty. The drunken man may tell us he has been drinking, but how he was injured is often a blank to him, and he can throw no light on it.

THE EFFECTS OF ALCOHOLIC EXCESSES ON REPARATIVE PROCESSES AFTER INJURIES.

Hard drinkers rally badly from deep shock. They are prone to delirium tremens after severe operations and injuries, and are very much more liable to septic infection after lesion of the soft parts through the deteriorated state of the blood and tendency to diabetes.

Complications with them, as pneumonia, nephritis and diarrhoea, are common. Their tissues are more vulnerable ; congestion tends to run into inflammation ; this spreads into heterogenous structures, often running a chronic course. These cases are characterized by a malnutrition or defective tissue metabolism, imperfect assimilation and defective elimination, all of which makes an impression on the integrity of the machinery of man when subjected to any violent shock or disorganization.

SOME LEADING EUROPEAN GYNECOLOGISTS AND THEIR WORK.

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My last letter described very briefly what I saw in Paris ; this letter will speak of some well-known gynecologists in Florence, Vienna, Prague, Dresden and Berlin.

Pestalozza, of Florence.—Having heard that he was doing a large amount of good work, I left the beaten track and went to Florence to see him. He received me most courteously, and invited me to come next morning, which was Sunday, at 7 o'clock, to see some operations. He has an immense clinic, being in charge of 40 gynecological and 80 obstetrical beds. Ten of the latter are reserved for isolating infected cases coming from outside. Among his own