

crying at intervals. Talks incoherently and incessantly. Had delusions of persecution. Very suspicious of every-one. Marked insomnia, restlessness and excitability. On admission—restless, eyes wild and staring. Breath foul, tongue coated, teeth covered with sordes T. 101, P. 106. Pelvic organs normal. Digestion much impaired. Bowels very constipated.

Diagnosis: Acute mania. The stomach was irrigated, and food administered. Large dose of magnesia sulphate gave free motions, but excitement continued. She was given a warm shower bath and placed in a wet pack at 112°F. The mental excitement gradually subsided in three hours. On removal, she was sponged with alcohol and water. She slept for four hours. This treatment was continued for five days. The improvement continued and at the end of two weeks she was free from the auditory and visual hallucination. Tonics were administered and recovery was practically uninterrupted. She was discharged in six months and has been perfectly well since.

Case II. M. C., aet 24. Delivered 10 weeks ago. Pregnancy normal, labor protracted. Severe mania developed two weeks ago—quite difficult to control. On examination when admitted, the uterus was found to contain some foul shreds of membrane, which were removed by curette. Vaginal douches of 1—1000 bichloride of mercury were used twice daily for a week. Nourishment was given by stomach tube also cascara sagrada to keep the bowels open. At end of week, the shower bath was used twice daily followed by friction with rough towel. This was continued for two months. Recovery was uninterrupted. Patient was discharged in four months and had no recurrence during three years since.

Case III. S. C., aet 48, male, married, father of seven children, painter, always temperate, had gradually been growing peculiar and for a month before admission was much mentally disturbed; had delusions of persecution, of suicidal intent; at times lethargic; at times excited. When admitted was much depressed. Temp. normal, pulse 76. Urine scanty, dark and of Sp. Gr. 10 25. Skin flabby and cold—stomach and bowels irrigated. Was given hydrargyrum cum creta followed by salines, kept in bed and fed regularly on liquids. He was given a spray bath every day for a month. Bowels were kept open and he was urged to drink water freely. After remaining dull for two months, he was encouraged to take up an occupation and from that time his recovery was rapid. He went home in the tenth week after admission and has been perfectly well since.

In the discussion which followed, several of the members present took part.