

direct your attention only to the field of the two colors, red and blue, the latter forming a circle from 10 to 20° larger than the red in a normal field. Now, the examination of the visual field of an hysteric will often demonstrate a remarkable fact which probably exists *only* in this neurosis, viz., a *concentric contraction* of this field. The extent of the simultaneous vision becomes smaller, so that instead of being from 60 to 90° in extent for white, it is almost circular at 20 to 30° or even less. A further change also frequently takes place, in that there is a reversal of the fields for red and blue, so that the field for red, instead of being the smaller, is equal in size or larger than that for blue. Another remarkable phenomenon is that in proportion as the field for white contracts, the fields for the other colors gradually become more restricted and are finally, if the contraction for white is extreme, "squeezed" out of the centre, in the order above named, the violet being first obliterated.

I would like now to direct your attention to a further personal observation which occurred in the nervous wards of the General Hospital. As the eye symptoms played a prominent part in the diagnosis, I will mention some of the notes in regard to her general condition.

F. S., female, age 17, entered the nervous ward of the General Hospital, complaining of dizziness, frequent head aches, pain and pressure sensation over heart, weakness and numbness of left fore-arm, inability to walk, and at times nausea and vomiting (duration, two years). Family history presents nothing of note.

—NERVOUS SYSTEM.

I. *Subjective.*

(a) *Psychical*: Her first symptom was a feeling of giddiness, which still returns whenever she attempts to walk. An indescribable feeling is continually present in her head, except sometimes for an hour or two. While it lasts, patient is very depressed. Her thoughts are always wandering. Eyelids feel heavy to her, and everything looks dim. Strange imaginings continually come to her. At night she imagines she sees people walking about the room or standing by her bed, and has heard voices. One night she heard her dead aunt talking distinctly; this she is inclined to believe was not merely imagination. She is quite sure she has heard people walking about in the halls, when her mother assured her there were none. Yet she does not like to say what may not have been true. Her memory has failed her during the past few weeks, she thinks. She dreads to be left alone. The least sound gives her a shock. Lately has been getting despondent, and losing interest in things generally.