

and Dr. Berthold recommended energetic and strict treatment. After her admission to the home Frau Zachmann began at once to cry out so much as to disturb the other patients. She would not listen to reason, and when shaken by the shoulder only became more violent, her screams being so loud that they could be heard in the street. Dr. Wiederhold remonstrated with her in the presence of her husband, shaking her by the shoulder and even threatening to beat her. This went on for some time, and the lady's case, instead of improving, became more desperate. When Dr. Wiederhold entered the room she screamed at him so loudly that he was unable to speak to her. He then tried to box her ears, but she deftly warded off the blows with her arms. The desired effect was produced for a brief interval, but the next day the screaming was renewed and the patient continued to complain incessantly of bodily pain. At last she was told by the doctor that if she did not keep quiet he would have to thrash her with a stick. Next morning he was awakened by renewed shrieking on the part of the patient. Unable to bear it any longer, he dressed himself, went up to her room and thrashed her with a thin cane, the one he usually employed to correct his four-year-old son. When her cries ceased he discontinued the application. In his history of the case he further states: "After beating her with a cane I begged her not to compel me to have recourse again to such extreme measures. A few days later, however, I was obliged to administer similarly energetic punishment. While my consultation was going on Frau Zachmann screamed out so frightfully that people stopped in the street to listen. I took a riding-whip and went up to her room. She was lying in bed. I appealed to her to keep quiet, and she paid no attention to my words. I seized her by the shoulder, turned her round and gave her several lashes with the riding-whip. The fact that the weals caused by the whip were still visible two months later was not due to the severity of the blows, but to the circumstance that the patient was unable to take proper nourishment. In a healthy subject the marks would have disappeared much sooner. From that point onward Frau Zachmann was a most docile patient, which proves that the remedy I employed was efficacious." This was the fourth case in which Dr. Wiederhold had employed