

tubercles to cheesy areas and cavities. The right upper lobe was that most frequently affected.

This study thus showed the rarity of undoubted intestinal tuberculosis and the predominance of the respiratory origin over the alimentary. The tendency of the tuberculous process in lymph nodes is toward degeneration as caseation and suppuration were the rule in these cases.

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TRAUMATIC NEUROSES.

The divergent opinions held by physicians and lawyers in regard to what are called traumatic neuroses are noticed by E. E. GAVER, Columbus, Ohio (*Journal A. M. A.*, July 17), and owing to the tangled condition thus caused, he thinks worthy persons often fail to get just compensation, while unworthy ones sometimes recover damages. While he does not believe that the German system of insurance against accident is a perfect solution of the problem involved, it is, he says, a great improvement over no system at all, as is the case here. The special features of the three cases he reports are as follows: The first was diagnosed as an organic case and operated on for brain abscess which was not found. Later it was diagnosed as a case of traumatic neurosis of the hysterical type, which it proved to be and the patient recovered entirely, after obtaining damages from the city where the accident occurred. The second case was one of hysterical traumatic neurosis manifesting a rather fragmentary dissociation of personality, and the third was a temporary insanity from head injury, with former dissipation as a possible contributing factor. There are few cases of traumatic psychosis in which some such preceding factor, or heredity, can be absolutely excluded.

John R. Hicks of New York says that all methods of technique used in the ophthalmoreaction are faulty in that they do not sterilize the eye before making the instillation. Harmful microbes in the eye are facilitated in their action by the use of the test solution, and cause ulceration that is severe in some cases. The author explains his method of sterilization of the eye by using antiseptic solutions in the eye for a week before instillation. He has obtained positive tests in the eyes of patients in whom there was no tuberculosis when the eye was not sterilized.—*Medical Record*, Aug. 7, 1909.