

HYDRORRHOEA NASI. — Poulsson (*Norsk. Magazin for Lægevidenskaben*) reports a case of nervous origin. The patient, a man aged thirty, had had recurring attacks about three or four times in the year ever since he was twelve. The profuse secretion was accompanied by great irritation in the nose, and was preceded by an injection of the conjunctivæ and tear secretion. His general health was good, even during the attacks. The attacks became more frequent as he grew older, and the secretion more watery and profuse. At the time of observation the attacks occurred every fortnight, and lasted one to two days. The attack came on, as a rule, in the morning, and ceased quite suddenly in the afternoon of the second day. Within a quarter of an hour the nose

was quite dry. The quantity secreted during an attack averaged 1 litre. It was an alkaline, opalescent fluid of low specific gravity, and contained some albumen and salts, chiefly NaCl and Fe. Also small quantities of a fatty substance. The nasal mucous membrane was normal, with the exception of some injection and swelling of the right concha mediæ. Local treatment caused no improvement, but atropine controlled even the most violent attacks within half to one hour. A year after the first observation the attacks had not changed character, but the atropine had still the same effect, and the patient, by watching the prodromal symptoms, was able to regulate the strength of the dose needed. Trousseau found constantly that these nervous hydorr-

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