

throughout the cord. The posterior columns and occasionally the lateral are most often involved, the nerve fibres being chiefly affected, without, however, the extreme shrinking usually observed in locomotor ataxia. While there can be no doubt that these conditions depend to a certain extent on the blood changes incident to the anemic process, it is more than probable that the toxins resulting from the attending hemolysis exert direct injury on the nerve cells. Fortunately the ordinary anemias are not attended by such extreme changes, and the resulting symptoms, with their speedy control under appropriate treatment, point to a functional rather than an organic origin. These symptoms, while extremely variable, usually consist of constant and pronounced backaches, especially in the cervical and dorsal regions, sensitive areas along the spinal column, variations in the spinal reflexes, paresthesias generally, and oftentimes irritability of the anal or vesical sphincters. Headache is frequently complained of, though the patient is usually able to sleep. The symptoms referable to the sexual function are also extremely variable, especially in the female, and range all the way from absolute frigidity to positive nymphomania. Frequent reference is made to the heart by these anemic patients, and while their symptoms may be somewhat due to the changes in the blood current, there can be no question that the sympathetic nerves suffer in the general involvement of the nervous system, and may therefore be directly responsible for the arrhythmia, tachycardia, etc., so often complained of. The great therapeutic value of Pepto-Mangan (Gude) is well shown by its rapid and pronounced action in these cases of anemia complicated by nervous derangements. With the rise in hemoglobin and the blood count which immediately follows the administration of Pepto-Mangan (Gude), the backaches and headaches cease, the sensory disturbances disappear, and the patient's nervous system rapidly returns to the normal. The comparative ease with which these cases are restored to health when thus treated will be exceedingly gratifying to the zealous practitioner. He, more than anyone else, realizes the danger of letting young females thus afflicted drag along indefinitely, for he knows that the psychic influence of long continued sensory disturbance is extremely prone to develop and magnify any hysterical tendencies however latent. Early and efficient treatment is therefore not only desirable but urgently necessary, and Pepto-Mangan (Gude) will never prove disappointing.