

ANÆMIA.—Dr. R. C. M. Page, of New York, in a brief paper with this title, said that he had learned that in very many obstinate cases, especially in women, the area of splenic dulness would be found decidedly enlarged, and that the best results in such cases of anæmia were secured by the internal administration of iron, arsenic and potassium iodide, together with the external application of iodine ointment over the spleen.—*Medical Review of Reviews*.

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SOMATOSE.—Richard Drews, of Hamburg (*Centralbl. f. inn. Med.* January 22nd, 1898), again returns to the subject of the action of somatose upon the lactating mammary gland. His more recent investigations in seventy-five cases have confirmed his views based on twenty-five previous cases. In addition, the author has received reports from others of forty-five cases. Somatose has no action upon cases in which the mammary gland is deficient or incapable of secreting. It is contra-indicated also in diseases such as tuberculosis, in which suckling should be avoided. The administration of somatose in suitable cases produced in a few days an abundant secretion of milk. In nearly all the cases remedies and measures supposed to act as galactogogues had been used without effect. In nearly all cases of deficient mammary secretion the patients complained of headache, pains in the back and in the breasts, loss of appetite, etc. When the somatose restored the secretion, these pains disappeared. When the deficient secretion was due to febrile processes the author always waited a few days before giving somatose, and then a prompt result was obtained. One teaspoonful, consisting of twelve to sixteen g., was given three times a day in milk, cocoa, etc. Recently the author has used iron somatose in anæmic states, also with good results. The use of somatose was mostly begun early, and in cases where prematurely born infants could not be suckled owing to a deficiency of milk, it was given during the last few months of pregnancy. These results have also been confirmed by other observers. The author would explain the effects of somatose not by any improvement of the general condition but by a direct stimulating action on the gland tissue itself.—*British Medical Journal*.

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DR. W. E. HAMILL has removed to larger and more commodious offices, at 88 Yonge Street, where in future The Canadian Medical Practice Office will be conducted. The doctor at present has some unusually inviting practices for sale, which we commend to the attention of intending purchasers.