

Inoculative Tuberculosis following Ritual Circumcision. (Section of Pediatrics, N. Y. Academy of Med.) By Dr. Sara-Welt-Kakels.

A six-months-old child was circumcised by an elderly man, who sucked the wound in the orthodox fashion. Four weeks later there was an inguinal glandular swelling. When fluctuation occurred it was aspirated. Von Pirquet was positive and tubercle bacilli were found in the aspirated fluid.

Dr. Koplik said that these cases generally developed tuberculosis later on and died.

Adenoids and Nocturnal Enuresis. By Leonard Williams. (*British Journal of Children's Diseases*, June, 1909).

The author believes that, instead of one being the cause of the other, they are associated states, both due to a thyroid insufficiency. His success in treatment along this line has been marked. Children treated successfully for enuresis with thyroid extract had a subnormal temperature during the treatment. In myxoedema this depressed temperature is a marked feature. An argument which tends to show that in nocturnal enuresis there is a certain amount of thyroid inadequacy. Another point is that the majority of the children with this affection were undersized and when given thyroid extract in small doses immediately began to put on flesh. In adults one of the uses of the extract is to reduce the flesh, therefore he argues that there is an insufficiency in both cases. In children the extract has the effect of fixing the calcium salts in the body. Another argument refers to the high-arched palate. This is acknowledged to be present sometimes in children who have a thyroid inadequacy, and the author believes it to be due to defective fixing of the lime salts in the body. The dental caries in these cases he also believes to be due to the same cause.

Another symptom sometimes seen is "the eyebrow sign," viz., deficiency of the eyebrow over its outer third.

Conclusion.—Where the eyebrow sign is present, look out for other confirmatory signs of insufficiency, viz., urinary precipitancy, subnormal temperature. Gothic palate, carious teeth, urticaria, mental and physical lethargy, adenoids.

A warning is given that in every case in which the drug had been taken for over a month a nasal catarrh developed. He considers this a sign of thyroid excess (the sudden development of a catarrh of unusual severity and confined to the nose), and an indication to stop the treatment in the meantime.