

THYROID.

Hempel (Marburg).—*Contribution to the Treatment of Basedow's Disease with Anti-thyroidine Serum (Moebius).* "Münc. med. Woch.," January 3, 1905.

The author gives a *résumé* of the methods of diminishing and neutralising excess of the thyroid elements, and recommends the use of a serum prepared from the blood of sheep from whom the thyroid gland has been removed. He narrates several cases in which the result of the treatment was satisfactory.
Dundas Grant.

Thienger (Nürnberg).—*Some Observations on Moebius's Anti-thyroidine.* "Münc. med. Woch.," January 3, 1905.

Satisfactory cases are described. The patients took 5 c.c. of the serum in sweet wine every second day.
Dundas Grant.

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Chavanne, F.—*The Employment of Collodion in Cases of Relaxation of the Membrane Tympani.* "La Presse Oto-laryngologique Belge," October, 1904.

The value of this method is well known. It is due to the fact that the collodion will remain closely adherent to the membrane for weeks or months. The author points out that this quality may cause trouble in case of the onset of an attack of acute otitis media, especially where the patient has passed out of reach, and he cites a case as an example.

Chichele Nourse.

Delsaux, V.—*Thrombo-phlebitis of the Cavernous Sinus of Otic Origin.* "La Presse Oto-laryngologique Belge," September, 1904.

A paper based upon a case shown by the author at the Belgian Oto-rhino-laryngological Society (*vide* JOURNAL OF LARYNGOLOGY, vol. xix, p. 484). After enumerating the various routes by which infection might reach the cavernous sinus from a septic middle ear, he discusses the following points: (1) The examination of the fundus oculi, which, in the case recorded, gave no indications until some days after the clinical signs of thrombosis of the sinus had appeared. (2) Lumbar puncture, which was here only of relative value. (3) The advisability of direct operation upon the cavernous sinus as practised by Bircher in one case and by Voss in another; which he answers in the negative. (4) The route followed by the infection in his case. Finally, a copious bibliography is appended.

Chichele Nourse.

Mouret (Montpellier).—*Recent Investigations on the Cells of the Petrous Bone.* "Rev. Hebdom.," December 24, 1904.

A valuable contribution to the anatomy of the temporal bone. The writer describes the various groups of cells in a paper illustrated by some good plates. The article does not well bear abstracting, and should be read in the original.
Albert A. Gray.