

General Notes

Tuberculosis of the buccal cavity is rare, and still rarer are the cases due to trauma. One such case is reported, following dental extraction.

Prognosis is more favourable in lupus than in other forms of tuberculosis, and depends upon the general condition of the patient. The most useful form of treatment is diathermic puncture.

A bibliography of 271 references is given.

DOUGLAS GUTHRIE.

Vestibular Disturbances in the Influenza Epidemic of the Winter, 1937-8. E. ERDELYI (Szeged). (*Monatsschrift für Ohrenheilkunde*, 1938, lxii, 1131.)

The influenza epidemic of the winter, 1937-8, affected the greater part of Hungary. The disease exhibited symptoms of acute nasopharyngitis and ran a long and stubborn course. A few sporadic cases of acute encephalitis were observed.

The author was struck by the number of instances in which symptoms of labyrinthine irritation were present. Eleven cases with vomiting, vertigo and nystagmus were carefully examined. It was discovered that there was no involvement of the central nervous system, the symptoms being entirely due to the action of toxins on the vestibular and otolith apparatus.

In conclusion the author maintains that in an influenza epidemic the number of cases showing evidence of labyrinthine irritation is greater than is generally supposed and that symptoms formerly attributed to "meningeal intoxication" are really due to this cause.

DEREK BROWN KELLY.

GENERAL NOTES

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

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Section of Laryngology. The next meeting of the Section will be held on Friday, May 5th, at 5 p.m.

There will be a discussion on "Complications of Intranasal Surgery." Openers, Mr. Walter Howarth, Mr. E. D. Davis.

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Section of Otology. The next meeting of the Section will be held on Friday, May 5th, at 10.30 a.m.

There will be a discussion on "The Otologist's part in the Investigations of Brain Lesions." Openers, Mr. Terence Cawthorne, Dr. Hinds Howell.

Mr. T. D. Howie and Dr. Kobrak will also take part in the discussion.

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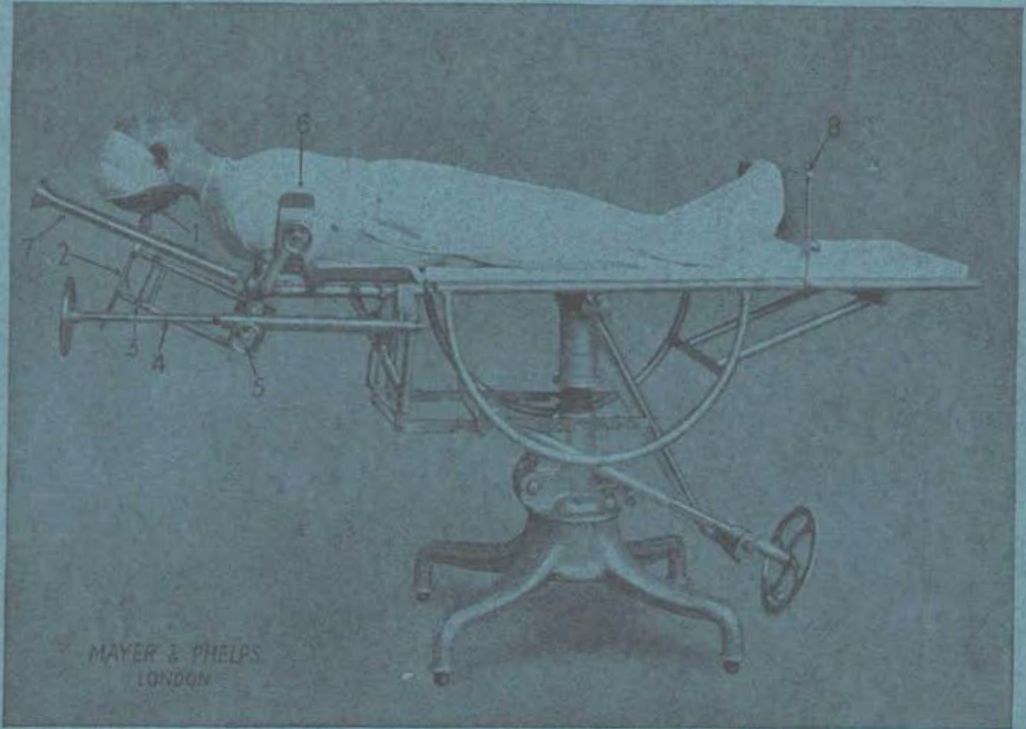
2. "ALLERGIC DISEASES." Reporters: Dr. Paul Kallós, Stockholm (Sweden): "Allergy from a general point of view." Professor C. E. Benjamins, Groningen (Holland): "Hay Fever." Dr. French K. Hansel, St. Louis, Mo. (U.S.A.): "Allergy in Oto-Laryngology and its Relations to other manifestations."

3. "DISEASE OF MÉNIÈRE." Reporters: Dr. Maurice Aubry and Dr. Marcell Ombridanne, Paris (France): "Surgical Treatment of Disease of Ménière." Professor Dr. Giorgio Ferreri, Rome (Italy): "Non-Surgical Treatment of Disease of Ménière."

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