

each individual. Thus we have "aggressive," "erotic," and, where the three periods evolve very rapidly, "apoplectic drunkenness." Abnormal types are often produced by the ingredients contained in the beverage.

3. *Pseudo-drunkenness*.—In "predisposed" individuals, when alcoholic excesses are committed by individuals whose organisation is vitiated by heredity or by previous excesses, alcohol then constitutes only an occasional cause, which sets in motion the pathological processes. This produces a process of pseudo-drunkenness quite difficult to classify. It may take the "maniacal" and "convulsive" forms, and in degenerates the "impulsive" form, which may lead to homicide. Among other types of this class, "melancholic," "delirious," and "somnambulistic" drunkenness may be named. In the last the drinker acts apparently in a normal way, but forgets what he has done. In this class alcohol plays an insignificant part, merely loosening the psychic symptoms, whose etiology is to be found in the predisposition of the brain of the drinker.

THE ICE-PACK.

Dr. Roos's rule for employing the ice-pack in cases of typhoid or other febrile diseases where hydrotherapy is employed is to use the thermometer frequently. If the temperature goes above 102.2°, he employs the ice-pack. If the urine is negative, with no trace of renal disorder, he gives a little spiritus frumenti before and after the attack, otherwise plain hot milk is used. The mattress is covered with a couple of blankets, on top of which is placed a piece of rubber sheeting covered by another blanket. A sheet and blanket soaked in water at 70° are laid at the side of the bed, and the patient is rolled into them without exposure. A half-hour later another sheet and blanket at 60° is substituted, care being taken not to expose the body during the change. At the expiration of another half-hour the first sheet and blanket soaked in water at 50° are applied. At this time the axillary spaces, the arms and legs from the middle of the femur down, are covered with cracked ice, packed outside the sheet. The operation is once more repeated at a temperature of 40°, the entire duration of the pack being two hours. The effect is that of a sedative and general stimulant, sleep follows, and the pulse is improved. This method avoids sudden shock and rough handling, and the consequent risk of producing perforation in typhoid cases.

Dengue Fever: Its Reminiscence Past and Present.

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Now that this fever is virulently prevalent in Madras, a few words about the unwelcome visitor might be read with interest.

As a very interesting story is current in some parts of India as to its original cause, I shall narrate it here.

The English were warningly advised by the sacred Rishies not to expand their conquest towards certain antique regions of mythical fame; not to destroy forts dedicated to ferocious Kali, nor to raze spellbound walls below whose ancient foundations were sealed and entombed urns containing dangerous but conquered spirits of very ill-fame. The conquering hero would not heed. The solemn and at once prophetic warning was laughed at with scorn. The forts were destroyed; from the smaller ones to the larger ones the proud heaps of earth were brought low. There were still seen in the midst of a distant grove of trees edifices resembling forts and temples and towers tapering high. This was incentive to the destructive army for fresh adventure, and they bugled a march and reached the precincts of the holy place.

A good observant could see omens of no small significance. For example, a big lizard chirped its ominous note, not once but thrice. The day-blind owls from the dark corners of their abode actually came out in daylight and restlessly flapped their wings. To crown everything, without any apparent cause, several leading officers of the army sneezed, and that violently.

Are these not sufficient for the far-seeing, the learned, and those that are dipped deep in ancient lore to warn them of an imminent danger? The bull-dog spirit of the army prevailed, and an immediate order for destruction was promptly obeyed. The important occupants of the locality fled in haste, the menials and hirelings remaining behind. The officious and the boldest of them approached the conquerors and infused into them most extravagant reports of hidden treasures in some parts of the fort. There was especially a wall of peculiar shape, of uncommon solidity, appearing unique, which they said the holy Rishies and sacred priests held with care. They would not allow even their favoured friends to approach it. To all intents they swore they did so, as the rumoured wealth and treasure lie buried deep below it. Appearances went in favour of the suggestion, and no time was lost; an army of sappers and miners have already grasped their weapons in obedience to a peremptory order to sap and mine the walls. From a distant cave, covered with shrubs and creepers, a sharp and commanding voice was heard to say, Stop! Every eye

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