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PROGNOSIS AND TREATMENT.


A comparison of two cases of tetanus treated with intraspinal serum combined with injections of somnifen, and one case treated with serum in the same way combined with sulphate of magnesia. The author considers that the first method is superior to the second and gives his theoretical and practical reasons for thinking this the best method for the treatment of tetanus.

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Three main libidinal types, each according to the predominance of the investment of libido, are distinguished—the erotic, the narcissistic, and the compulsive. Erotic persons are mastered by the fear of losing love, and are therefore especially dependent on others who have love to deny them. Even in its pure form this type is quite frequent.

The compulsive is distinguished by the predominance of the super-ego which is differentiated from the ego under high tension. This type is mastered by the fear of conscience instead of by the fear of losing love; is, so to speak, inwardly rather than outwardly dependent; displays a high degree of self-reliance, and becomes the actual, for the most part, conservative pillar of civilization. The third type, the narcissistic, is essentially negatively characterized. There is no tension between the ego and the super-ego. There is no predominance of erotic needs. The chief interest is directed towards self-maintenance. Such persons are independent and little intimidated. A large amount of aggression which, moreover, is expressed in readiness for activity, is available to the ego. Loving is preferred to being loved. People of this type impress others as 'personalities' and are peculiarly fitted to serve as support for others, to assume the rôle of leadership, to add new stimulus to cultural development, or to attack the existing order. Mixtures of these types may occur. It is perhaps to the erotic-narcissistic type that we must concede the greatest frequency.

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