

Alcohol Delirium.

Fuerer (*Berl. klin. Wochenschr.*). The belief that in chronic alcoholism the sudden and complete withdrawal of alcohol may lead to an attack of delirium tremens, is still widespread. The writer is convinced that this is an error. When it seems to occur, the fact always is that the delirium has set in before the withdrawal of the alcohol, and the appearance, to the contrary, is due to the ability of many such patients to conceal their condition for several days after its onset. In every case of chronic alcoholism the immediate and rigid withdrawal of alcohol is indicated.

Patriotic Emesis.

Henry White, First Secretary of the American Legation at London, tells a story of some German and English officers who were dining together recently. After the dinner an Englishman, to show his respect for the German Emperor, lifted a brimming glass, in which he toasted Wilhelm II. After he sat down he waited for a time for a return toast to King Edward. Noting that it was not given, he asked the Germans if they were going to comply with the custom. Receiving a negative answer, the Englishman arose, and, assuming a threatening attitude, shouted:

"You'll toast my sovereign, or," as he put his long, middle finger in his mouth, "up comes your blooming Kaiser."

The toast was given.—*New York Times.*