

Peculiarities in Heart Affections in Children.

Barbour, in *American Practitioner and News*, calls attention to the liability to organic, and the infrequency of functional heart disease in childhood. Endo- and peri-carditis are particularly liable to follow an attack of rheumatism, scarlet fever, diphtheria, etc., and are difficult of diagnosis on account of the lack of definiteness of the heart sounds in children. The treatment is different as the iodides are not well borne. Patient should be kept in bed for weeks at a time on a properly regulated diet. Compensation is easily effected in childhood, but the liability to acute dilatation in acute diseases should be kept in mind. The author briefly alludes to the lack of physical and mental growth frequently caused by heart disease in children.

Hatching Birds.

A little five-year-old daughter of Dr. Pickens Taylor, of Georgia, was taken down with a spell of intermittent. It became necessary to administer quinine, which he did in the form of small capsules. In order to induce her to take them he told her that they were "little humming-bird's eggs, and were very nice." When the quinine had taken effect, she told her father, with great glee, that the little birds had hatched, and were singing in her head.—*Doctor's Recreation Series.*