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Nervous System Disorders

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

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and to make each contribute its
necessary part at the right mom-
ent.

By far the greater part of the
body's functioning is under the
control of the autonomic nervous
system, which, by doctors, is di-
vided into two parts, the sym-
pathetic and the parasympathetic.
Between them, these two systems
regulate the beating of the heart,
breathing, the action of the diges-
tive organs, kidneys, arteries, and
veins. Thus, it is easy to see that
if anything goes wrong with either
of these two systems, the result-
ing trouble is likely to be grave.

Recently, we have been given a
new drug called neostigmine, which
has a beneficial effect in many dis-
orders where the parasympathetic
system is at fault. The general
effect of this drug seems to lie in
the way it stimulates the para-
sympathetic nerves.

This action on the nervous sys-
tem, in turn, may aid in overcom-
ing weakness in the muscles of the
bladder and gastro-intestinal trou-
ble. It increases the secretion from
glands, including the tear glands,
the salivary glands, and sweat
glands. It dilates or enlarges the
tiny arteries, and this improves
circulation in certain parts of the
body. The preparation may be tak-
en by mouth or may be given by in-
the skin. Such treatment is partic-
ularly useful for distension of the

set another fine of the traditional
"confidence trust" attributed to
the press. The court held them in
contempt. If someone gave them
information in confidence, they
had a perfect right not to tell the
investigators, for after all it is
their job to get the news. The case
is attracting national attention and
it is likely that the men will be re-
leased before the court has debate
on the freedom of the press issue.

A tax expert of the State Board
of Tax Commissioners estimates
that there is at least \$500,000,000
worth of property not on the Indi-
ana tax duplicate. There is no ex-
cuse for such an efficient system.
If assessors cover their territory,
they can see if a house has gone
up or a new building erected and
inquiry can be made as to ownership.
Further, the lot descriptions
can be traced. We doubt if in
small communities, much property
is omitted from the tax records.
In the larger areas, such ineffi-
ciency may prevail, but it seems that
our state tax board could use its
experts in running down the viola-
tors.

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One condition in which the drug
has been found especially useful is
myasthenia gravis, in which there
is a gradual development of weak-
ness of the muscles of the body.
The drug helps to overcome such
symptoms as difficulty in swallow-
ing, inability to chew, and weak-
ness following body movements, all
of which occur in myasthenia gravis.

The value of the drug in this
condition may be increased by giving
it together with ephedrine and other
preparations. While the drug
greatly improves the muscle action
in this disorder, it does not seem to
have any effect in other diseases
affecting the movement of the mus-
cles, such as multiple sclerosis and
poliomyelitis.

Sometimes the abdomen is swol-
len or distended without there being
any blocking of the opening
through to the bowel. In such
cases, relief may be obtained by
the injection of neostigmine under
abdomen following operation. After
an operation, the patient may be
unable to empty the bladder.
Neostigmine is also useful in over-
coming this difficulty.

In certain prolonged diseases af-
fecting the nervous system, cold-
ness of the hands and feet and con-
stipation are present. Often, these
symptoms, too, may be relieved
by the use of neostigmine.

There is a disorder known as
Raynaud's disease in which there
is spasm of the blood vessels in the
hands, causing pain and blanching
of the skin. Neostigmine is of
benefit in this condition, also.



Household Scrapbook By ROBERTA LEE

A Bleaching Lotion

To make a bleaching lotion peel
a few cucumbers and run them
through the meat grinder. Bring the
pulp slowly to the boiling point, and
then strain through a cheesecloth
bag. A little perfume may be added
if desired.

Detachable Collars

When one has a separate white
collar on a dress, the trouble of
sewing it on after each laundering
will be eliminated if snap fast-
eners are placed on the inside of
the collar and at the neck edge.

Stains

To remove the stains of castor
oil from washable fabrics, try dip-
ping the goods in alcohol before
laundering.

The People's Voice

This column for the use of our
readers who wish to make sug-
gestions for the general good
or discuss questions of inter-
est. Please sign your name to
show authenticity. It will not
be used if you prefer that it
not be.

Sports vs Studies

Dear Sir:
Now that the local high school
basketball season is over, I think
it is time to take stock of the sit-
uation. It is my opinion that basket-
ball has become tremendously over-
emphasized to the detriment of other
phases of high school life.

I only come in contact with a
group of teen-agers. For the six
months beginning in October and
continuing through March they ap-
parently have no other interest save
basketball. They talk, breathe, eat,
sleep and dream basketball. At no
time do I hear them speak of their
studies, their lessons or their
grades. It would seem that the tax-
payers dollar (by far the largest
portion of it goes to maintain
our educational system) is being
used to perpetuate a fine brick
edifice around a basketball court.

Believe me, I am no sour-puss or
kill-joy. But when I hear the atro-
cious

March 3 — The General Elec-
tric plant here will resume a five
day schedule next week. It has
been operating only four days.
Hartford defeats Decatur, 25 to
20, in surprise upset of the basket-
ball tournament.

Kirkland wins the sectional, de-
feating Geneva in the finals, 30-19.

Cal E. Peterson is reelected pres-
ident of the Decatur Industrial As-
sociation.

David Fallon, 75, Geneva, dies at
the Adams county memorial hospital.

David Campbell and W. A. Low-
er return from Hot Springs, Ark.

About 80 percent of the mohair
in the United States is produced
in Texas.

Modern Etiquette By ROBERTA LEE

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

Q. Is it ever permissible to leave
the spoon in the cup while drinking
coffee or tea?

A. No. As soon as the coffee or
tea is stirred, the spoon should be
placed in the saucer and remain
there.

Q. May a woman who is wearing
a coat and is dining in a public
place, retain the coat instead of
checking it?

A. Yes; she may slip the coat
over the back of her chair, or place
it on another chair at the table.

Q. What is an appropriate kind
of flower for the boutonniere, to
be worn by the ushers at a formal
church wedding?

A. A single white flower.

bound was Clearwater, a small
town in the middle of New York
State that was the county seat.
There was a courthouse there, and
a church and a hotel of sorts. They
had all had blood tests and could
produce their reports later. In the
morning they were to go to the
town hall and get their licenses,
after which Judge Fountain would
sign the necessary waivers and
marry them in his chambers.

Ordinarily the journey would
have taken under three hours, the
car was a good one, but with the
roads in the condition in which
they were, and with the necessity
of keeping off main highways,
their progress was slow.

They had talked back and forth
at first, with the exception of Stephen
Darrell, who gave his entire
attention to the road, but after a
while conversation ceased. Catherine
said she was going to sleep
and didn't. Nicky did. Hat slept
too, curled up on the front seat,
her head on Stephen's shoulder.

In the hills back of Tarrytown
the sleet gave place to snow. Time
and time again they skidded nasal-
ly and threatened to bog down, but
Stephen kept the car going.

There was never a straightaway
for more than a few hundred feet.
They went round cities and towns
instead of through them. There
were very few other cars abroad;
the night was too bad. Miles after
mile unrolled behind them and still
they traveled on unmoled.

Stephen's ass was curst, grudging,
"I suppose so, if you're really
made up your minds." He looked at
Catherine. Her "We're going to
be married anyhow, later on this
week," backed up by Nicky's violent
assertion that he didn't want
her to be alone, had clinched the
matter. So that was that and in
a matter of hours now, she would be
Nicky's wife and Hat would be
Stephen's. She twisted in her corner,
caught folds of the blanket
lightly in her gloved hands, couldn't
feel anything.

As for the police, Stephen's careful
planning, done in advance, had
disposed of them. He had had it
all figured out. They were to sepa-
rate and lose themselves separately
in crowds. For her and for Hat,
scarves had entered into it.

"If that Inspector has detectives
on our trail," Stephen said, "and I'm
inclined to think he has, they'll be
on the lookout for what they
saw when they lost you." Catherine
had gathered her entire collection of
kerchiefs. There were three for Hat and
three for her. When she entered the
lobby of the theatre, bought her
ticket, and went on into the dim
interior, one of a jam of fifty or
sixty people waiting for seats, she
had retreated to an unobtrusive
niche where she hastily replaced
her red scarf with a yellow-and-
black-striped one.

Out of the theatre then, not too
soon, by another exit, and down
into the subway, still companioned
by people, and a forest of umbrelas.
She bought a newspaper and held it
in front of her during the ride up-
town. The car which Stephen had
borrowed from another friend was
parked on Newtown Road a block west and
half a block south of the 231st Street
station.

When she arrived, it was there,
in front of the white house beyond
the church, that she had been told
to look out for, and the others
were already in it. They had started
off immediately and hadn't once
been stopped.

Half a dozen times during her
journey up town the temptation
to drop out and go quietly home had
been almost irresistible. To have done
so would have been to turn her
back on the Inspector.

Catherine didn't look at Stephen
Darrell again. She felt spent,
drained, lay back gazing at the
white-flecked windshield, at glimpses
of the white road, a thin ribbon
in surrounding blackness.

More blackness, storm torn, more
miles, more snow. There were
weights on her eyelids. They fell.
She was roused by Nicky's hand
on her shoulder. "Catherine... Wake up, Catherine, we're almost
there."

The place for which they were
going was Crystal City, a small
town in the middle of New York
State that was the county seat.
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"Why did you do it like this,
Nicky? Why didn't you tell me?"
Catherine's plaint was quiet. "When
the Inspector called me..."

"The Inspector?" Hat's voice
was a small sneeze.

"Certainly, the Inspector," Tom
said heavily. "You idiot! Did you
really think you could pull the
wool over the eyes of the police?"

"Mind your own affairs, will
you? What's it with your business?"

(To Be Continued)

Lenten Meditation

(Rev. F. H. Willard, Bethany Evangelical United Brethren Church)

"LAYING UP TREASURES"

But He spoke a parable to them, saying, "The land of a certain rich man brought forth abundant crops. And he said to his self, saying, What shall I do, for I have no where to store my crops? And said he, I will do, for I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there will store up all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast many good things laid up for many years; take thy ease, eat, drink, be merry. But God said to him, Thou fool, this night shall be thy soul be taken from thee; and the things that hast provided, what shall they be? So is he who lays up treasures for himself, and is not rich as regards God."

It is fitting that we labor to acquire and preserve all that is necessary for ourselves and those who depend on us. But when we permit our desires to surpass the measure of our wants, to trouble the peace of our hearts, to neglect our duties as Christians, we become the slaves of an inordinate love of the things of this world. We become like the man of the parable, who thought only of filling his barns and forgot the only thing he could carry with him to