

EPILEPSY.

The causes of this disease are nearly the same as the preceding (as for convulsions). We might add, however, the following: defective organization, a malformed head, injury of the head, debauchery and drunkenness, sexual excesses, and the poisoning of the blood by medicines given in treating acute rheumatism, scarlet fever, and various other diseases allopathically.

Treatment.— During the fit, lay the patient on the floor, and loosen the clothing about the throat. Nothing more is required. After the spasms have ceased, let the patient sleep as long as he is inclined to. During the interval, the patient must have constitutional treatment. See Constitutional Treatment.