

## AN UNUSUAL CASE OF INTRA-OCULAR HAEMORRHAGE\*

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THE condition described here appears to be sufficiently unusual to merit recording. I believe it is by no means unique, but I can find no mention of it in books of reference.

Mrs. E. T., age 43 years, presented herself at an out-patient clinic in September, 1945, complaining that the vision of her left eye had been blurred since the previous evening, and it was found that the pupil was half filled by a bead of bright red blood about three millimetres in diameter. Dilatation revealed the presence of a strand of persistent pupillary membrane, arising from the anterior surface of the iris and stretching roughly horizontally across the pupil. The haemorrhage proceeded from this strand, close to the temporal margin of the pupil and extended forwards in front of the margin. There was no visible haemorrhage elsewhere, and no evidence of a haemorrhagic tendency. No history of trauma could be obtained, but as the patient had been playing with a boisterous child immediately before the onset, the occurrence of a minor injury seemed likely.

Under homatropine the haemorrhage was absorbed completely in seven days leaving the vision unimpaired. The membranous strand remained, and slit-lamp investigation revealed a patent blood vessel in which movement of blood was observed.

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### ANNOTATIONS

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#### Delay in supply of spectacles

The delay in obtaining spectacles is to-day causing a considerable amount of anxiety to ophthalmologists and a great deal of inconvenience to patients. It seems curious to many that whereas during the war there was a greater lag between the writing of the prescription and the delivery of the spectacles than existed before the war, this interval is now very much longer, extending usually into a considerable number of weeks and sometimes into an appreciable number of months. The Faculty of Ophthalmologists

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