

#### DISCOVERED LONG AGO.

As far back as 1856 it was proved that if the thyroid glands were removed from a dog the animal died in one to four weeks. The dog's food does not seem to nourish him after his thyroid glands have been taken out. He becomes emaciated and loses all interest in life. Finally his muscles and limbs begin to tremble, convulsions follow, and death ensues. All these symptoms are found, also, in human beings whose thyroid glands have been injured by disease.

Children who show any tendency to be stunted in growth of mind or body should be examined at once, to see whether their thyroid glands are in proper condition. Trying to force a youngster to learn his lessons or eat his food in the right way is useless if his body is not getting enough thyroid secretion. Modern medical men have learned that nature's way is best, and if a child's thyroid glands are being stopped or interfered with by disease, it is an easy matter to supply tablets or other forms of thyroid extract which supply the need. If this is not done, the child may be stunted for life. What is even worse, his mind may not develop beyond the mental age of 7 or 8 years, merely because there is not enough thyroid extract in his body.

In Europe, during the Middle Ages, every king and great lord had his fool, or court jester. These fools were, in reality, unfortunate persons of both sexes whose thyroid glands had not worked properly when they were children. The fools with dwarfed bodies were especially prized. Queen Anne of England had a female fool whose wardrobe was most elaborate, it being the queen's delight to dress her in imitation of a lady of the court. The childish remarks of this little person on the most solemn occasions were a never-ending source of amusement to the queen and her supporters. Now, of course, it is known that this pitiful dwarfed jester was a cretin, or mentally deficient woman. If she had lived today she might have had thyroid tablets when a child, and her mind, as a result, might have proved far keener than Queen Anne's.

#### RACE OF GERMAN DWARFS.