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BELL'S PARALYSIS.

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Gentlemen,—The patient now before us is a healthy French Canadian woman of about 27 years of age. She has had fair though not robust health. She is not aware of having in any way exposed her face to a cold draft of air, nor is there any history of specific disease. She informs us that she went to bed about a week ago with nothing wrong with her face, and in the morning found herself in the condition she now is, *i.e.*, has what is known as Bell's paralysis. This disease is known more generally under the name of facial paralysis or palsy, and is due to the motor division of the seventh nerve, the portio dura or facial nerve being involved in various ways. Its conducting power is lost, and the muscles which receive its distributing branches are paralyzed. The most common cause is a cold wind blowing on the side of the face, sitting at an open window of a room or railroad car, sleeping near a damp wall. Even exposure of the whole body to a low temperature has caused it. The pathological condition is believed to be a