

Grasp is rather weak ; equal on the two sides ; cutaneous sensibility ; rough tests show no disturbances. Stereognosis normal. There is no disturbance of the organic reflexes, subjective complaint of headache and constipation ; the bowels are usually regular.

At present time patient has a slight rhinitis.

THE GROSS ANATOMICAL FEATURES FOUND AT AUTOPSY IN
A CASE OF CONGENITAL (?) DEAF-MUTISM.

The facts in connection with the case which is presented are follows :

A very meagre history accompanied the patient on admission to the Hospital, a little over two years before her death.

It is stated that she had been an inmate of the House of Refuge for a number of years. While there she had never spoken, but had uttered the guttural sounds such as are usually made by congenital deaf mutes.

There are absolutely no facts in connection with her family history or early personal history obtained.

The reason for her commitment was the fact that she had become destructive and violent and this necessitated her being sent to the hospital.

On admission it was noted that she was apparently a deaf mute as she did not understand either written, spoken or sign language and it seemed probable further that she was markedly defective. She lived an automatic existence while in the hospital ; showed only the most meagre signs of any intellectual activity : would become angry when annoyed and sometimes violent if interfered with. Except for these emotional disturbances, no clinical observations were made.