

FOUR INTERESTING CASES.

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five months preceding his admission. The patient had been working hard all summer and about July it was noticed that his disposition had changed; he complained of headaches, insomnia, aching pains in the limbs and cold feet, and his hands became tremulous. He had ideas of suspicion and thought that he was being watched, that people wanted to injure him and his family, and preferred to be in the dark so that he could not be seen. He had auditory hallucinations and illusions: heard people around the house and heard his wife's voice in a phonograph. The slightest noise around the house would make him suspect strangers, and he thought that people were listening to his conversation and he sometimes refused to talk on this account. He thought the house was wired all around with telegraph wires and filled with hidden phonographs for the purpose of hearing his conversation.

He was admitted on the afternoon of November 26th, 1900, and for the first few hours was quiet and orderly and gave no trouble although he once asked for some opium before supper. He had taken his last dose on the previous day and he had been without the drug for 24 hours or more. He ate sparingly on the evening of his admission and soon after supper abstinence symptoms began to manifest themselves. He vomited his supper; complained of intense pains across the abdomen and became very restless and continually asked for opium. He did not sleep that night but spent it in restless tossing about the bed. Next day he was very much depressed and appeared to be suffering intensely; he could not tolerate any food on his stomach, although he made several honest efforts to eat, yet he said he had no appetite and loathed the sight of food. He continued to complain of abdominal pains and repeatedly asked for opium and was very despondent all day. His bowels moved with the aid of a purgative given shortly after his admission. The only thing that he could and would take was occasional sips of whiskey and water. His

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