

suffering from mild symptoms before he returned to the hospital. But it must also be remembered that he had been out of the hospital for only ten days and that when he left he was perfectly well except for a slight impairment in power in the left leg. In favour of meningitis we had the excruciating headache, the irregularity of the pupils, the opisthotonos, the rigidity of the abdominal muscles, the obstinate constipation and the complete recovery in eight days under treatment with Pot. Iodide and Pot. Bromide. Further it must be borne in mind that this patient had been in the hospital since last spring with what appeared to be a spinal sclerosis and that he improved under Pot. Iodide. If this was not a case of typhoid fever then Widal's re-action loses its diagnostic value as regards this disease. On the other hand if it was a case of typhoid fever then it is only another instance which goes to show that in this disease we do not always find the recognized evidences of it. My own opinion is that it was only a mild case of typhoid fever complicated with meningitis and that the meningitis was probably syphilitic in its origin.

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CASE II.—T.S.: The following history was obtained for me by my Clinical clerks:—Age 21; occupation, farmer; weight 150 lbs.; father has phthisis, mother in good health, one brother and two sisters in good health, one brother and one sister died when young, one of mother's sisters died of lung trouble; until three years ago patient has always been in best of health when he had an attack of la grippe; had another in 1899 and another in 1900; these attacks lasted about two weeks and the patient was not confined to bed during any of them.

Physical examination:

Inspection, chest normal and well developed.

Percussion, normal.

Palpation, vocal fremitus, normal.

Auscultation, nothing abnormal.

Last August patient had a sore throat which was supposed to be tonsillitis. This lasted three weeks. Both tonsils were covered with a greyish membrane which was closely adherent to them. It seemed, as he said, to grow right into the tonsil.