

was also a return of the hysterical symptoms. She became rapidly worse during the day. Opisthotonos became marked and fever high, followed by convulsions, coma and death next morning.

On May 15th, 1897, I was called in consultation to see a young woman, Miss C., a domestic, in a comatose state. The temperature was 104 deg. F. There was severe opisthotonos and retraction of the epigastrium. I learned that about one week before she had what her mistress called a hysterical spell; also she had some kind of a fainting spell on the street. Her physician states that when called on the morning of the 14th it was thought it might be hysteria. The temperature continued rising, attaining 108 deg. Bed sores rapidly developed. She died on the morning of the 17th.

On March 25th, 1897, Miss C., aged 12 years, was brought to my office by her mother, who said the girl acted queerly and a little silly, and that she complained of pain in her head, neck and back. Temperature was 100 deg. F. Her manner was suggestive of hysteria.

When I expressed an opinion to her mother that she possibly might have meningitis, she (the mother) informed me that her sister had meningitis two years ago, and she acted so much like her sister that she was alarmed. The sister had recovered. I ordered the patient to bed. The hysterical symptoms disappeared in two days, and she seemed quite well in ten days. The highest temperature I found was 101 deg. Purpuric spots developed during the week. The drugs used were sodium salicylate, potassium iodide and morphia.

T. W., age 3½, on June 13th, 1897. For several days the temperature varied from 100 deg. to 102½. Pain on bringing the head forward. Appeared to be amused at ordinary and familiar objects. This symptom was so marked that the mother spoke of it without my suggestion. It was as if her mental conception was unnatural. When she was not disturbed she was apathetic. I discovered none of the ordinary causes of fever in children. She recovered in about one week. Though I gave a guarded prognosis you will correctly suppose from those symptoms I did not say anything of my fears of meningitis to the parents.