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CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS.

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This so-called *new disease*, which, however, is no new disease, but has existed from time immemorial from the description of it given by early authors, though not recognized as a distinct affection until the beginning of the present century, made its appearance in this town and neighborhood, for the first time, last winter, and having seen a number of cases, a short description of the disease, as it manifested itself here, may possibly be of some interest to those who have not as yet witnessed its peculiar manifestations.

The first case, I believe, which occurred in the town, which is typical in most respects of the disease, as it prevailed here, was a patient of a medical friend, a young boy, 8 years of age, healthy, robust, and of good family history. He had been out playing upon the ice in the afternoon, in the month of January; on the evening of the same day he had a very severe rigor, which in a short time was followed by intense pain in the back of the head and for some distance down the spine in spots—nausea and vomiting were prominent