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Bony fragments in the brain, resulting abscess. death five years after.

History of the Case. By J. B CHAGNON, M.D., St Pie, Province of Quebec.

On the 6th of July last, I was called to attend Mrs. O. C., an American woman of a nervous constitution. Her general appearance was unhealthy. Said she was eight and a half months pregnant. Her present illness seemed to be that of severe neuralgia. Accordingly large doses of morphia were administered, and ethereal applications were constantly made on the seat of pain, which was the left anterior part of her head. I left my patient two hours after, with hardly any pain. I did not hear from her for a fortnight, when I confined her of a healthy child. Everything went on well during and after the accouchement.

On the 7th of August, sixteen days after her confinement, I was called again to attend her for what was thought, and seemed to be, neuralgia in the head.

I found her lying upon her back with the expression of most excruciating pain, constantly imploring some one to press and squeeze her head with both hands; pulse unnaturally slow, counting from forty to forty-five in a minute. Tongue much loaded with a whitish coat. The appetite was good, and all food swallowed was relished. The skin was moist and there were no signs of fever whatever. Urine natural in quantity and colour after being just voided, but loaded with a yellowish white mucous sediment after standing a while. Auscultation and percussion did not reveal any lesion in the vital organs of the chest. The character of the pain was lancinating and throbbing, radiating from the superior anterior angle of the left parietal bone, where it was most intense, towards the longitudinal suture, specially on the left side of it. The state of her mind was good until last. She paid no attention to noise; in fact, she seemed to be pleased with it, for she could not be induced to remove from her room, which was adjoining the kitchen to a more quiet place.