

by burning pain in the soles of the feet, the skin of which shows congested patches of a dull, dusky red or purple color. Occasionally it affects the hands. Owing to the extreme tenderness of the feet, walking is difficult or impossible, and it is this that causes the patient to seek the orthopedic surgeon's advice.

Persons suffering from sciatic neuralgia sometimes present themselves, under the impression that they are afflicted with hip disease or spinal disease. It may be remarked, however, that the error of mistaking disease of the hip or spine for sciatica occurs much more frequently.

Neuralgia of the spinal nerves is met with chiefly as a manifes-

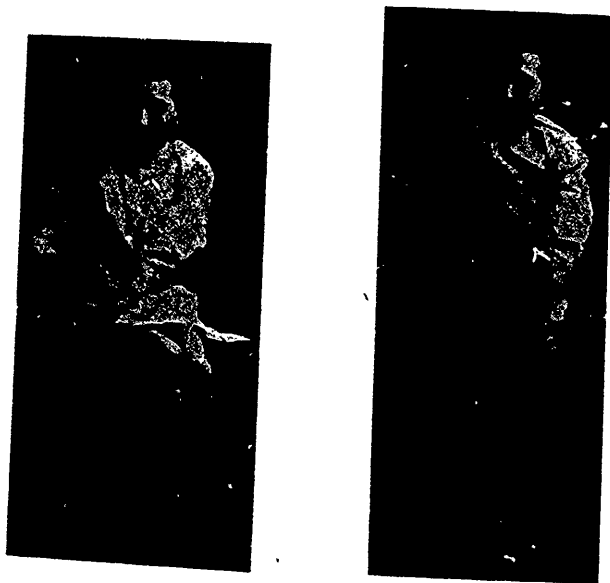


FIG. 2. SPASTIC PARALYSIS.

C. B., 13 years. Unable to stand; mentally defective.

tation of Pott's disease, and disappears with gratifying certainty when efficient fixation is secured for the spine. In some cases of lateral curvature of the spine, neuralgia is a symptom more or less prominent.

Hysteria, in the form of hysterical joints and imaginary affections of the spine, is no more welcome in orthopedic practice than elsewhere, and may mislead the unwary. Familiarity with the multi-form phases of hysteria as it is met with in general practice, is fully appreciated by the practitioner who has had such experience when he comes to deal with these cases, and may save him from humiliating errors in diagnosis. As to treatment, the same