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A CASE OF CYSTICERCUS CELLULOSÆ OF BRAIN.*

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IN presenting this case of cysticercus cellulosaë, I desire particularly to describe the cysts found, that I may afford some aid to their future recognition. The pathological condition involved is a very rare one in the human subject, the pig being the common host of this parasite in the cystic form.

The clinical history is obscure, and diagnosis is usually made at the post-mortem table. Griesinger sought to establish symptoms by which it might be detected during life derived from the histories of some fifty cases. These were exceedingly variable. In some, symptoms were entirely wanting. In a second class, epilepsy existed without mental disturbance. In a third, epilepsy was accompanied with mania or imbecility. In a fourth, mental-disturbance occurred without epilepsy. In another class of cases, there was neither epilepsy nor mental disturbance till just before death.

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