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CASE OF CROSSED HEMIANALGESIA.

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L. B., a lawyer aged 43 years. His family history is good. His father is living at the age of 82 years; his mother died aged 80 years. Three brothers are living and healthy; one died of typhoid. Three sisters, two healthy and one delicate, are living; one died in childhood.

The patient has always been temperate in his habits. There is no history of specific trouble. He has suffered from indigestion, but not within the last few years. He has always been fairly healthy, but not robust.

In appearance the patient is of medium size, thin, and has iron-gray hair with a tendency to baldness.

The patient, on the evening before his present illness was working late in his office. It was on the 5th of November. There was a fire burning, but the office door was open, and on his return home he complained of feeling chilly. He was feeling perfectly well, however, on Nov. 6th, the morning of the attack. It began suddenly while he was seated at breakfast. He was just finishing his meal and was about to take another cup of tea, when he

experienced what he describes as a "shooting sensation" on the right side of his face, with great pain and numbness over that side of the face: he also felt dizziness. He immediately got onto a sofa. He remained there five minutes. He states he had no confusion of thought, though he does not appear to remember all that occurred as described by his attendant. He found on rising from the sofa to get to bed that it was very difficult for him to walk. He felt like a drunken man. He had a tendency to sink down on the affected side. He was helped up stairs to bed. He then felt a great oppression or difficulty in breathing over the lower and anterior part of the chest. He was coughing a dry cough. He states:—"I remember I had a good deal of difficulty in breathing." He felt very dizzy, as if things were whirling round. Just after he got to bed the nurse gave him a drink of hot ginger, which he vomited. While giving him this the nurse noticed he had a tendency to get across the bed with his head to the right side. He would say "Oh my! where am I?" While drinking the tea he found that he had difficulty in swallowing. This difficulty continued, with gradual improvement, for three or four weeks. The ginger tea was immediately vomited, and for a few hours vomiting was persistent. It occurred occasionally after this for two or three days.