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## Original Communications.

### CASE OF FUNCTIONAL MONO- PLEGIA (BRACHIAL).

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The history taken from my case-book is the following:—

Maud B., æt. 17, unmarried, bookbinder's apprentice. Family history—father strong and healthy, mother nervous, and at times she has been very melancholy, feeling despondent about the future. At one time she would weep easily, and she now has attacks of laughter which she finds difficult to control. She had fits when a child, in which she would fall in the street. She also had St. Vitus' dance. She is the mother of nine children, all of whom are healthy except patient. Dr. Baines tells me one of these children is very small for his age, but is bright intellectually. No consumption; no insanity; but one maternal aunt childish.

Previous history.—Patient has never been strong, and always complained much

of her back. She had measles eleven years ago; no fits of any kind. Menstruation began at 14½, and continued regularly till present illness.

Present illness began about seven months ago, when left shoulder got weak, and this weakness gradually extended down left arm. Patient says it came on suddenly. She went to a friend's house to tea, and while at tea she had a severe pain in the left shoulder, and she found she could only move it with pain. There was no swelling or discoloration about the shoulder. There is no history of any accident, and patient has had no worry, trouble or fright to bring it on. After remaining at home a few days the pain ceased, and she returned to work, but this she was obliged to give up in a few days owing to weakness of the left arm. Since this time she has been unable to use her arm. Her mother says she is of a very excitable nature.

Examination, Nov. 4th, 1893, showed an anaemic but well-developed girl, without any muscular atrophy. She has marked paresis of whole left upper limb. She can move it in various directions but without much force. Dynamometer gives left hand 0, right 35. Sensibility to pain is entirely absent over lower part of left hand. It