

Was told he had a bad night, been delirious and restless; temperature mid-day, almost 104°F .; complained of darting pains in head. His parents requested a consultation, and Dr. Gardner saw him with me late in the afternoon of same day; the result was, the parents were told that it was a puzzling case; he might not get over it, but that his condition was not hopeless, and there was no immediate danger. A prescription of Pot. Bromid. and Aconite was ordered. Next day (6th), temperature was $99\ 3\text{-}5^{\circ}$; had a good night. 7th—Fever entirely gone, and now, as it gave him pain to press the fore-part of foot up, so as to stretch the tendo Achillis, which appeared slightly contracted, he was put on Bromid. Potass. and Iron, instead of the strychnia mixture. From this date up to the 14th his appetite improved and he slept better; paralysis unchanged. 15th—Had another febrile attack lasting a day. From this date till March 1st the muscles gradually responded better and better to the electricity which was applied regularly every day, except when he had fever. During these two weeks his general health improved, and he was able to creep surprisingly fast; but he was a pitiable-looking child, unable to walk or use his hands. His parents, despairing of his ever getting the use of his limbs, said if he could only get the use of his hands he might, when he grew up, earn a living as a shoemaker or tailor. However, they were agreeably surprised on March 1st to see the little fellow get on his feet and stagger a few steps; he walked across the room for me next day, his feet being strongly everted, and at each step the toes hung down and dragged. It was now found he could not walk at all without heeled boots, owing to slight contraction of tendo Achillis. His mother was told to encourage him in trying to walk without boots, which he was able to do after two weeks more. At this time, too, he could extend the fingers, but was not able to raise the hand on a level with the forearm held horizontally. From now onward the extensors of the forearms and legs gained power, so that by the 24th March he could use his hands and walk fairly well, to the great satisfaction of his parents and medical attendant.

I think, even in this meagre report, you may see reasons why a difficulty was found in getting at a diagnosis. As I was unable