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### A CASE OF HYSTERIA—WITH REMARKS.\*

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Miss H., Toronto, seen in consultation February 23rd, 1899.  
School girl, aged 18.

*Family History.*—Father and mother living and well. Eldest child living, aged 23 or 24, imbecile. Two others died in infancy of meningitis, tubercular probably.

*Personal History.*—Unimportant.

*Present Illness.*—Two months before had what seemed to be rheumatism, temperature 102° F., with swelling and pain in front of ankle, with pain and stiffness of muscles of leg, then other leg, body, shoulders, and other parts. Did not fully recover her health but gradually developed as follows:

*Present Condition.*—Well nourished, temperature normal, pulse 80. Is in bed. Digestive system normal throughout. Respiratory system—shallow, somewhat irregular breathing, costal in type, with occasional slight inspiratory stertor, typically hysterical. Circulatory system normal. Genito-urinary system normal.

*Nervous System.*—1. *Intellect.* Ideation exalted, disordered, *bizarre*, very introspective but not in the neurasthenic sense; very intent on her surroundings, nothing escaping her; not delusional, but very emotional. Volition very unstable and hysterical. No trance or catalepsy.

2. *Motor Functions.*—(a) Reflexes—knee-jerk very exaggerated, but false, almost a clonus, somewhat delayed and evidently

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