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FOUR INTERESTING CASES:

reveals the presence of albumen. The digestive organs are doing their work fairly well, considering the amount of disease in the other organs. Patient says that she passed her climacteric period five years ago.

Patient says she has had very constantly recurring weak spells for several years, particularly when she had any trouble or worry.

Neurological.—Her taste, smell, hearing and feeling are fairly acute, but there are some areas of anaesthesia. Her vision is not very good, and it is difficult for her to see well even with glasses which should be suitable to one of her age. Grasp is fairly good; station very unsteady, and there is a well marked rombergism. The reflexes both of arms and legs are hyperacute. There is no ankle clonus or babinski. She has rather an ataxic gait in walking, and has frequent falls. There is no slurring of speech, and she can pronounce every word distinctly. Her hand-writing is very good, and there is no elision of syllables or letters.

Conference Report.—Presented at staff conference by Dr. J. C. Mitchell, all members of staff being present. Patient does not exhibit any grandiose ideas or any special delusions. She is rather simple and child-like in her manner, and her memory and judgment are greatly weakened. All were of the opinion that the weak periods she has, in which she is at times quite stupid, are due to her physical condition, not to any drug habit. There is no history in her case of any specific disease, nor are there any indications that she has ever suffered from lues. All were agreed that her physical symptoms would indicate paresis, but her mental symptoms do not. The general opinion of all is that the mental condition may be entirely due to arterio-sclerosis.

Diagnosis.—Withheld, waiting further development.

Prognosis.—In any case, unfavourable.

Note.—Since the conference was held, patient has had a great many focal attacks similar to what has been