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ART. XXXVIII.—*Contributions to Clinical Medicine.* By JAS. CRAWFORD, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine, University of McGill College.

*A Case of Paralysis of the Forearm and Hand Cured by Galvanism.*

Paralysis of the Forearm, arising from pressure-(during sleep) of the head, on the brachial nerves, appears to be of very rare occurrence. The affection has been introduced to the notice of the profession by Dr. Healey in the Dublin Hospital Reports, with the observation that he has not seen it before described, the notice he gives is quoted (as a curious case) in the Medico-Chirurgical Review, and is also referred to by Dr. Todd, in the article Paralysis, in the Cyclopaedia of Medicine,—and by Copland in his Dictionary of Medicine; beyond which I have not been able to find any other case reported. Having lately had two cases, I would desire to put them on record,—from its rarity, as well as the success of galvanism in the treatment.

Mary Kelsie, aged 30, a single woman, was admitted into the Montreal General Hospital, on the 7th Dec., 1854; having lost the power of her right forearm and hand five weeks previously. She stated that she had been much in the habit of sleeping with her *hand* under her head at night; and that to her great surprise she awoke one morning about the beginning of November, and found the *hand* she had lain on, and the forearm, up to the elbow, quite powerless, and nearly insensible.—She could not say how long she had lain with the *hand* under her head, but presumed from her habit, that she had done so, for most part of the night; *she persisted in saying that her head lay on her hand and not on her arm*; she never had experienced any evil effects from so doing before, nor had she ever any Paralytic affection, and although a spare and thin woman, had enjoyed very good health, and with the exception of the Paralytic affection, had no complaint at the time of