

has been different from any joint affection that has come under my notice. The entire absence of pain, the rapid disorganization of the joint, with the history of a slight injury, would incline me to the view, that, firstly, there must have been a predisposition to joint affection, otherwise so slight an injury could not have caused such a serious effect; and secondly, that the trophic nerves, and I think it is generally admitted that certain nerves have trophic influence, must have become seriously impaired in their function. If these joint affections occurring in locomotor ataxia are not specific arthropathies, and I do not think that this has yet been proved to a certainty, yet there is no question in my mind that they are strongly modified by the diseased nerve influence.

PUERPERAL ECLAMPSIA—INDUCTION OF PREMATURE LABOR—DELIVERY WITH FORCEPS—SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT WITH PILOCARPIN.

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About 11 a.m. on the 2nd of September last, was called to see Mrs. B., æt. 30, pregnant for the third time. Found her in bed complaining of severe frontal headache and pains in the epigastrium. She appeared to be quite rational. She had been washing and sawing her own wood the day previous. Asked her if her urine was scanty or high-colored, and received a reply in the negative. Wished to see some, but could not procure any. Having no catheter with me, I asked her to keep some of her urine for me. Ordered cold to the head, heat to the feet, enjoined perfect rest and quiet, gave a dose of chloral, and left. At one p.m. was called in haste, the messenger saying that she had taken a fit. When we reached the house she had recovered from the first seizure, but within half an hour took another. Endeavored to control them by inhalation of chloroform, and gave a drop of croton oil in a teaspoonful of castor oil. The convulsions were severe, and about thirty minutes apart. Began to give chloral in gr. x doses, but the convulsions came so close and were so deep that she was unable to swallow the medicine.