

sulted me for the first time on the 1st of Feby., 1879, complaining of a slight numbness in his fingers and inability to smartly jerk the graver (an instrument of his trade), also a weakness and numbness in his limbs, and difficulty in walking over uneven surfaces. This condition he had only noticed during the previous two or three days. His previous health had been excellent, and his habits of life fairly regular. Never been a teetotaller, but always temperate. Never has had syphilis, but in Sept., 1878, had a gonorrhœa, for which he was treated by a physician. Took balsam of Copoiba, which induced a very copious "Copoiba rash," and as it was mistaken for Small-Pox, he was sent to the Small-Pox Hospital, where he remained four days, when he was discharged. He continued in good health, and regularly attended to his work. On the 26th of Jany., 1879, he took a cold bath, and when but partially dressed he went out on a gallery and exposed himself to a low temperature for several minutes. About the 29th of Jany. first felt his fingers numb, and noticed that he had difficulty in guiding his tools; also felt his feet heavy, but had no sensation of what is commonly described as "pins and needles" in them. His condition 1st Feby. as noted by me is as follows:—"Considerable loss of power in right hand, not so much in the left; legs and arms, he says, feel heavy and numb. When sitting has perfect power over the lower extremities, can move and place them where he desires. Sensation seems perfect; is able to detect readily the touch of a finger or of two fingers, and when the feet are rapidly touched in succession is able to follow closely and correctly. Is able to distinguish two compass points at a distance of half an inch. Reflex excitability slightly impaired. On attempting to rise there is much stiffness in his movements, and he assists himself slightly by putting both hands to the chair. On walking he raises his feet higher than is natural, and replaces them on the ground in an uncertain floundering way. Being blindfolded no difference is detected in his manner of walking. Placed him on the sofa and examined his spine very carefully, but could not discover any point of tenderness. Ordered him gr. viii. of iodide of potash with vi. gtts. tinct. of nux vomica every 4 hours.