

were sleep or not. I gave him about thirty grains of chloral hydrate in divided doses. He slept six hours, during which he was perfectly calm, affording no intimation of his previous phenomena. I aroused him from sleep, and in a few minutes he was again in his revelries. Such in brief was the case at my first visit. Not satisfied with my course, the friends of the lad sought further advice. Another medical man was called in—he had a name at his tongue's end—hystoria was the disease; said the lad manufactured the most of it, and gave directions not to encourage the little fellow in his trantrums.

This opinion got the poor little fellow into bad grace, and, but for the discretion of kinder hearts—who noticed that by no effort could he avoid it, and that he was wholly unconscious of his sayings and doings, other than being told afterwards, he would perhaps have wanted necessary attention. I lost sight of him, until about four weeks since, when having a call to the house where he then was, I was requested to examine him again. The lad had improved materially, but was by no means free from it. Whenever placed in an easy position—in quietude—he gradually passed into the same state. Accordingly he was directed to lie down, to rest before dinner—in a few minutes he got into the peculiar state mentioned above. He breathed stertorously as before, but they had found that if his shirt was loosened he would immediately stop,—taking the hint, I loosened the shirt collar and found the statement correct. I practiced pressure on several portions of the body and noted down the results.

The great sciatic nerve was first manipulated, and the moment pressure was made, the leg was stretched and stiffened like a pole, each repetition produced the same result. I then placed my thumbs on the supra-orbital foramen, right and left alternately, and instantly the mouth was drawn towards the side pressed—pressing both at once the mouth was drawn to a funnel shape, with the tongue protruding and rapidly passing from side to side. The infra-orbital was the next point, but no external muscular action took place, on pressure, an invariable attempt to pronounce the monosyllables, "yah, ah, or yes" was made, I tried the mental foramen, but found no response, perhaps I missed it. The right ulnar nerve was manipulated, it excited him to cough, as tho' some foreign body had fastened