

vulsions, has been gradually losing flesh, lacks ambition and is easily fatigued, due to the lack of physical development, any of which symptoms cannot be attributed to a discernible cause.

Such a case would seem a puzzler, but, if the physician will stop to think of the many cases of Reflex troubles, he can readily imagine why he should invariably defer diagnosis until he has examined the Prepuce.

We find the greater number of cases with symptoms above described in male children and I always made it a rule (when I had *something* for *nothing*) to examine the Penis, expecting to find at least one of the following conditions, viz.:—an Elongated Prepuce, possibly with very small opening, an adherence to the Glans, a short Frænum or a narrow Meatus.

To make clear the above and impress the importance of the subject of this article, I think I can do no better than to state some of the cases I had during the time I was engaged in general practice.

Case I.—C. R., age 5, of healthy parents and good surroundings, was taken suddenly with convulsions; on my arrival the little patient was just recovering from one; I made inquiry of the family in hopes of obtaining a clue; some corn that had been eaten two days before being the only *likely* cause, my diagnosis (to myself) was Intestinal Irritation; gave Calomel in small doses repeated often until the bowels moved and followed it with Salts; sure enough undigested corn was found in the stools. I ordered hot bath, to be repeated if another spasm was imminent; this with sedatives was the principle treatment. In about four hours I again visited the house and found my patient in the hot bath, convulsions still persistent; took him out of the bath and administered chloroform till he relaxed, continued with the chloroform from 8 a.m. till 12.30 p.m. Saw the patient frequently during that time.

On my way to the house after noon hour it occurred to me that my diagnosis was somewhat faulty. I determined to examine the Prepuce, which I did, finding an adherent condition which I broke up, removed several pieces of Smegma, cleaned and greased the parts, took away the chloroform; that was his last attack.

The prepuce needing some after-attention, I directed the parents how to care for it and left it in their charge; there has been no recurrence although several years have passed.