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*The Hysterical Element in Orthopædic Surgery.*—By NEWTON M. SHAFFER, M.D., Surgeon in charge of the New York Orthopædic Dispensary; Orthopædic Surgeon to St. Luke's Hospital, N. Y. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

This is the book form of an essay read before the New York Neurological Society, and which first appeared in the *Archives of Medicine*. It is a thoughtful communication upon an important subject—a subject which will probably never lose its interest to the student of psychology and the influence of the nervous system, and will retain it in a high degree as long as the actual nature of Hysteria itself is so ill-understood. The remarkable tendency in persons the subject of this nervous disorder, to the production of both paralysis and spasmodic contractions of muscles, leads to many of its victims being submitted to the orthopædic surgeon. The notorious accuracy with which the Protean malady is capable of simulating organic affections of joints and other parts of limbs, adds to the importance of using every means to diagnosticate between the two. The author treats first of nervous mimicry of knee-joint disease, then that of hip-joint disease and of Pott's curvature of the spine. The simulation of lateral curvature is also discussed, and then "hysterical club-foot." A great many rules and suggestions are given by the author, to assist in establishing a correct diagnosis upon a firm basis. These, as drawn from extensive observation, will doubtless be found valuable to others in similar circumstances. The paper contains numerous original cases, which serve to illustrate the various points of interest, and considerable attention is given to the subject of treatment, the author mentioning specially those forms which he has found most successful in overcoming these troublesome, sometimes unmanageable complaints.