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FAMOUS CASES OF SLEEPING SICKNESS

Recalled by Experience of
Mrs. Mintz, Who Slept
for Seventy-Four Days

Puzzle for M. D.'s—One
Young Woman Slept Most
of the Time for Four Years
—A Soldier's Long Sleep.

Dr. Harris A. Houghton of New York
writes in the New York Herald as fol-
lows:

Physicians have been following for
some time the interesting case of Dora
Mintz, a young married woman, twenty-
nine years old, who is a patient at the
Willard Parker Hospital, under the care
of Dr. Gliddings. Mrs. Mintz had an
attack of influenza, suddenly found her-
self in a condition in which she was un-
able to keep awake, and her friends took
her to the hospital. She has been there
for seventy-four days. Until with-
in the last week she has slept much if
not all the time. She has been conscious
at no time except when roused by fairly
rough handling. About a week ago she
began to improve slightly, and now for
the first time she is up again, but unable
to walk as yet. Dr. Gliddings has hope
that she will make a complete recovery.

Mrs. Mintz's case has been diagnosed
as encephalitis lethargica, a comparatively
new disease which follows gripe, and is
probably the result of direct infection
of brain tissue by the bacillus of in-
fluenza. It is usually fatal, and Mrs.
Mintz can consider herself fortunate in
that she has not died. The chief mani-
festation is a profound slumber, from
which the victim can scarcely be awak-
ened, and this lasts from several days
to several weeks. Death usually occurs
while sleep is still on.

Little Known About Sleep.

Now, sleep is a natural phenomenon
which is perfectly familiar to everybody
but, like many ordinary things in phys-
iology, little is known about it or how
it is produced. Some years ago, Howells,
of Johns Hopkins University, undertook
some studies to find an explanation
which would satisfy the scientific mind
as to the method of its production and
about all he could say when he finished
was that it was preceded and was evi-
dently directly caused by a slight fall in
blood pressure. This explanation, how-
ever, frankly appears inadequate, for
there are many persons who live and
sleep regularly who have very high blood
pressure, although it is not answered
that it is produced by a relative lower-
ing of pressure. There are other factors,
however, and evidently one of these are
the products of cell fatigue, constantly
formed during waking hours, and which
require sleep for their elimination.

Continuous sleep, however, is a dis-
tinct phenomenon which falls within the
category of the lightest kind which the patient
may, with more or less difficulty, be
aroused, or it may be complete. Several
diseases, such as Bright's disease or dia-
betes, are accompanied by coma, a few
days only being the longest course, with
an inevitable ending in death.

This form of unconsciousness, of
course, does not come within the ordi-
nary accepted definition of sleep. There
is a mild form of polio-myelitis, or in-
fantile paralysis, which produces a mild
coma which might be called sleep from
which the patient can be roused to a
certain grade of consciousness. Then
there comes up for consideration the
newly discovered "lethargic capillitis,"
of which Dora Mintz is a victim, pre-
sented to the world as a case in which
occurrence has been noticed to follow epi-
demics of that disease. A few cases of
encephalitis lethargica have been noticed
in the last two years in New York. It
terminates eventually in death and is
often times indistinguishable from polio-
myelitis. The famous sleeping sickness
of Central Asia is, of course, an infec-
tious trouble, and the unconsciousness
lasts only a few hours before death.

Cataleptic Sleep.

In these latter days there has been a
revival of study of spirit phenomena and
mesmerism led by Sir Oliver Lodge and
others, which is a reaction of post-war
psychology. Protracted sleep lasting from
weeks to years is a manifestation of
spontaneously developed self-hypnotism
in the absence of disease. The great deal
has been said about cataleptic
states, and this term may be properly
applied when there is a wax-like rigidity
of the muscles which allow the limbs
to be placed in various positions, in
which the patient maintains them for
minutes or hours.

It is these lethargic or trance states

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that popular writers find argument for
their stories of premature burial and
from the same source the fabulous "sleep-
ing girls" of the newspaper arise. They
are really victims of hysteria, usually
through lifelong habit of extreme grade
the temperature may fall somewhat a re-
tardation of the heart and respiration
now for seventy-four days. The sub-
ject has been studied by such auth-
orities as Dana of this city, Grene
Hammond and Weir Mitchell, formerly
of Philadelphia. Medical literature is
full of specific reports.

George M. Gould of Philadelphia
draws on literature to illustrate his series
of cases. Van Kastenoven of Leyden re-
ports a strange case of a peasant of
Wolkwag, who it is alleged, fell asleep
for years, never waking until Jan. 11,
1707, only to fall asleep again until March
15 of the same year.

One of the more remarkable cases was
that of John Engelbrecht. This man
passed into a state of lethargy in which
he heard everything about him distinct-
ly, but in his imagination he seemed to
be passed away to another world, this
condition coming on with a suddenness
he described as with "far more
swiftness than any arrow can fly." He
was discharged from a crossbow. He also
lost his sensation from the head down-
ward and recovered it in the opposite
direction.

Girl Slept Four Years.

At Bologna there was observed the
case of a young woman who, after a
successive days in a state of catalepsy,
lasting from midday to midnight, was
of the longest sleeps on record was that
of a patient under the care of Miller,
of Lowenburg. It followed a fright in her
fourteenth year, and lasted four years.
In the second and third years she aver-
aged four hours' wakefulness in ninety-
six hours. She took very little nourish-
ment. There is the record of a man
living near Rochester, N. Y., who was
seized with his disease never waking more
than sixteen hours at a time, and then only
at intervals of six weeks or so. When
seized with his disease he weighed 160
pounds, but dwindled down to 80 pounds.

Weir Mitchell collected from litera-
ture a total of eighteen cases of pro-
tracted sleep. The longest uninterrupted
sleep lasted six months. A famous
case reported by Chilton lasted seven-
teen weeks. In the first year of the case
by Mitchell passed a large part of each
day in sleep, one case twenty-one hours
and another twenty-three hours. The
patients were below middle life. Eight
of the eighteen recovered finally, two
recovered with loss of intellect, one fell
a victim to apoplexy four months after
the onset of the disease, one recovered with
insomnia as a sequel. Four died in their
sleep. One recovered suddenly, after
six months' sleep began to talk, re-
suming the train of thought where it
had been interrupted by slumber.

Weir Mitchell also reports a case in
which a young man, a seaman of forty-five
years, who, on July 20, 1865, became
seasick in a gale of wind on the Hudson.
In the following November he slept
from Wednesday night to Monday noon,
continuously, and died a few days later.
A New Orleans woman of twenty-seven
years, who had been sleeping for seven
months, was reported by Mitchell as
awake from seven to ten minutes at a
time. The sleep commenced at the age
of nine, after repeated large doses of
quinine and morphine. Periods of con-
sciousness were regular, waking at six
a. m., and every hour thereafter until
a. m., and at three p. m., again at sun-
set and at nine p. m., and once or twice
before morning. The sleep was deep
and nothing seemed to rouse her.

The Revue of Hypnotisme of 1887
contains the story of a woman of twenty-
five years, who was completing the
year of an interrupted trance. She began
May 30, 1883, after a fright, and on the
same day, after several con-
vulsions, she fell into a profound
sleep, during which she was kept alive
by small quantities of liquid food, which
she swallowed automatically.

Spanish Soldier's Long Sleep.

One famous case was that of a
Spanish soldier of twenty-two years,
confined in the Military Hospital of San
Ambrosio, Cuba, who had been in a
cataleptic state for fourteen months.
His body would remain in any position
in which it was placed. He would occa-
sionally sneeze or cough, and it was
reported that at night he might utter
a few words. The strange feature of
this case was that the man was regularly
nourished and increased in weight
ten pounds.

One of the most reliable of the latest
cases reported is that of a Dutch girl,
Maria Cvetkova, of Stevenswerth, who
on December 8, 1895, had been asleep
for 220 days. She had been examined
by many physicians of good profes-
sional standing, who while disagreeing as
to the cause, agreed that it had disease
causes and was not "faked" or of the
self-hypnotism variety.

The cases of self-hypnotism which
are common in young women have been
generally grouped by medical men un-
der the popular name of "sleeping girls."
One such case was reported in detail
by the New York Herald of 1878 of a
girl in Brooklyn, the occurrence causing
considerable excitement at the time be-
cause it was supposed that the young
woman lived for many months without
eating. Usually such cases have a hy-
sterical foundation and failure to eat is
a deceptive feature of the case.

There are, of course, many persons
who would like to sleep more than they
do. There are many who habitually
sleep more than they should, and
there is usually some disease state at the
bottom of the difficulty, such as hook-
worm. But around New York, appar-
ently, the opposite appears to be the
prevailing state, i. e., that more per-
sons sleep less than they should. And
who can blame them? Missing some-
thing is not the mental inclination of
many.

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