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SYPHILITIC GUMMATA OF SPINAL CORD TREATED SUCCESSFULLY BY VERY LARGE DOSES OF IODIDE OF POTASH. *

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The notes of the following case have, for obvious reasons, not been hitherto published. I do not propose now to do more than briefly outline the salient points of the case.

A few years ago I was consulted by R. C. S., who, for the previous 15 years, had been general financial manager for a large manufacturing firm, while, at the same time, he held an interest in a factory outside of Montreal, for which he also did the financing. His family history is highly neurotic, his mother having been extremely emotional and hysterical, dying from softening of the brain. She was subject all her life to chronic diarrhoea, which was always aggravated under anxiety, joy or grief. To her family she communicated her temperament in a very marked degree. The patient had always been well developed, strong and hearty looking. About three years previous to the present attack he suffered from insomnia, which resisted every remedy prescribed. He was under treatment for about three weeks, and never got more than two hours' sleep upon an occasional night. I ordered him to Old Point Comfort, and, on the first night of his arrival, he slept for ten hours. His improvement there was rapid, and after a sojourn of a month

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