

very complete picture:—He complained of a “belt” sensation around both ankles as if they were bound tightly with bands of iron. His hearing was greatly impaired. A watch could not be heard even when held lightly against the ear. The visual disturbances consisted in considerable ophthalmoplegia and almost complete loss of vision of left eye, and defective vision of the right eye.

Another symptom well marked in this case was a remarkable flaccidity of the muscles of the body, or absence of the normal tonic contraction—a symptom commonly called hypotonus. With this clinical picture the condition commonly known as tabes was undoubtedly well advanced in his case. In addition to certain advice along dietetic and hygienic lines he was placed upon the iodide of potash. After weeks of such medication with no result except considerable disturbance of the stomach the medicine was discontinued and I frankly told him that there was no help for him.

I heard no more of him for some time when in November, 1901, I was called to his house and found him suffering from repeated attacks of vomiting. These attacks usually followed the taking of food or drink—came on very suddenly and generally were associated with nausea. This condition of affairs had been going on several days and the patient was extremely weak. Accordingly I had him placed in the hospital. Here the usual gastric sedatives were used and only the lightest and blandest forms of nourishment allowed him, and then in very small quantities. The vomiting persisted. A slight temperature developed, say about 100° to 101° in the evening with a drop of a degree in the morning. Patient became very weak and stimulants both by mouth and hypodermically had to be used. Another feature that appeared about this time was retention of urine. After he had been catheterized once or twice a slight greenish tinge was noticed in the urine. This deepened in color and finally urine of a deep olive green was taken away, if anything in larger quantity than normal. The cause of its appearance and the nature of the coloring we could not ascertain. This peculiar coloring of