

CATATONIC DEMENTIA PRAECOX.

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At midnight Sunday she had a convulsion, another at 12:30 Monday morning, a slight one at 3 a.m., a very severe one at 7:30 a.m., and another severe one at 7:30 a.m. She is said to have been almost unconscious between these convulsions, and it was Wednesday, October 5th, before her attention could be obtained.

Before these convulsions came on there was active twitching of the face and hands and rolling of the eyes. During the convulsions the mouth was wide open and drawn to the left, breathing was choking and stertorous; the eyes were wide open and staring up and to the left. The tongue was swollen and protruded; the face was at first pale, later flushed; body was rigid, limbs extended and head slightly retracted. Urine and faeces were voided.

For some two weeks after these convulsions urine and faeces were voided automatically. The left arm and leg were not moved; formerly it was the right side which showed decreased power. On October 5th she recognized her mother and kept repeating the phrase which the latter had used. She also kept repeating the word "convulsion."

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