

Case II.—Miss H., aged 22, is a well developed healthy girl whom I have personally known for many years, although she never required my services before.

Her mother is a healthy woman with a family of three children, all healthy and particularly free from any nervous disorders. Miss H. had never been hysterical before this winter, but her mother told me that she complained unusually about pain caused by the dentist, when it was necessary to have any work done in her teeth.

On Dec. 26th, 1907, Miss H., while tobogganing in High Park, had a simple fracture of the Tibia and Fibula. A temporary splint was applied and she was removed to her home in the ambulance.

Three hours later when I first saw her she was very nervous and apprehensive about what was to be done for her. She was told that it was not a bad fracture, that she would soon be out again, and reassured as far as possible to relieve her anxiety.

She begged the anesthetist to be sure and give her plenty of chloroform, and to keep her asleep a long time. When she awoke and found her leg in a splint, she was much calmer, but complained of pain. One-eighth grain of morphia was given in repeated doses, but she got very little sleep. The day following the accident she was restless, and complained of pain about the region of the fracture.

On the 3rd day as she complained so unusually, I changed the splint to a double inclined plane, and as the morphia did not relieve her I tried sodae bromide and tr. valerian amon.; for 24 hours she did not complain so much and slept a few hours.

On the 5th day the sedative had no apparent effect, and the patient had a sleepless night, moaning and crying incessantly. When asked what she cried about, she would say, "I don't know," or "I wonder what Jennie and Kate are doing." These I learned were girl friends.

Her mother said she constantly worried about things outside of the house, and only spoke of her leg when her attention was drawn to it.

Trional and sulphanol were tried for the sleeplessness with poor results, also hot sponge baths and massage.

On Jan. 9th, 1908, the 15th day, Dr. Goldwin Howland saw her, and looked upon the case as one of hysteria, but as she was completely confused on time he thought it might result in insanity.

There were no anesthetic areas found in Dr. Howland's examination, but a few days later when I renewed the bandages