

ent on a myasthenic condition of the stomach and the usual trend of signs, namely, pain after eating felt between shoulders and left side, relieved by eructation of gas.

This might appear to be the main trouble, but on following the case backward one finds the duration only three weeks, which at her age would impress one as pointing towards a nervous cause for the myasthenia.

The day the attack first occurred she had had her dinner and was begged by some friends to go to the cemetery with them. She agreed to do so, but dissented when she found they were to go in a motor. She stated that the drive made her extremely nervous and the attack of indigestion came on while she was out. Finally she gave the last crucial symptom, namely, her husband had been killed in a motor accident.

Here you have a woman in a hypersensitive condition with a development of a nervous indigestion consequent on it, but with a distinct cause, due in this case to an old psychical sore.

But take a converse case, namely, one where the actual physical complaint is hidden by the general hypersensitiveness and an old physical condition is considered the actual cause, and not, as in the last case, where the physical complaint was a direct resultant of the hypersensitive condition due to arousing an old psychical scar.

Mrs. R. complains of having severe pain down her sciatic nerve, of being generally nervous, excitable, and having lost some degree of power of concentration.

She has also some pain in her post cervical region, and has lately had some pain after eating. As her investigation is carried further, one finds she has had recurrent attacks of sciatica for years, and examination of the nerve itself shows, with her attention distracted, that the degree of pain here is very moderate.

But on going further into the stomach signs, a very definite picture of gastric ulcer (later confirmed) is proven, and the excessive disturbance of her sensitivity is finally anchored here, while the other pains complained of are found to arise in company with all nervous excesses she undergoes.

Lastly, let me call attention to a third class, where psychical trauma, by producing a hypersensitive condition, hide the fact that a true physical cleavage was present; the exact antithesis to the first case.

The lady in question had recently lost her husband, her money, and now her son was going wrong. She was consequently nervous, could not sleep, wept at slight provocation, had palpitation and numb sensations, and in conclusion it was noted that she had a