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A GROUP OF UNUSUAL SPINAL CASES.

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The term "spinal" is objectionable because indefinite; but a better does not suggest itself which would be broad enough to include all the patients to whom this paper will refer. There may be considerable doubt in some instances concerning the pathology, but in all of them they are either cases having some affection of the spinal cord or have been so considered during the course of their illness.

CASE 1.—August 31, 1899, L. D., 22 years of age; well developed, healthy looking young woman, the daughter of a farmer. Five or six years ago she made considerable complaint about pain in her back, and has continued to claim and receive considerable sympathy on that account. For about three months previous to September last she had kept her bed and was said to be unable to sit up or even to hold up her head.

Many years ago her mother was frightened by a horse running away, and is said to have suffered thereafter from "spinal disease." During the last ten years she (the mother) has kept to her bed.

The patient (L. D.) was brought to Toronto, August 31st last, being carried on a stretcher and brought from the train to my office in the ambulance. Inquiry into the history, and the young woman's general appearance, having aroused a suspicion that the