CATALEPSY. The Strange Disease that resembles Death. By catalepsy mean a condition in which there is more or less complete loss of consciousness and voluntary motion and a rigid state of the muscles of the body, which latter is preserved for a greater or less length of time in exactly the position assumed at the onset of the attack. If the subject is in the midst of a speech, and his right arm raised to give child. force to his arguments, says J. M. Kershaw in an address before the Homiletic soclety, it will remain in the upraised position for a length of time, and then slowly and almost imperceptly fall to his side. During this time the patient is quite unconscious and the body firmly rigid. An old professor occasionally had cataleptic seizures, during which he would suddenly cease talking, retain the position held at the time of attack, and after a few moments go on with his lecture, tatally unaware of the fact that a slip of his conscious life had been snatched from him. His lecture was always resumed at exactly the point at which he left off. The appearance of a subject of catalepsy is almost precisely like that of death. The skin is very pale, and generally of a waxen hue; the surface of the body is cold, generally from two to four degrees below the normal temperature of the body; the heart's sounds are scarcely audible, while the fact that the patient breathes can only be discovered by the closest observation. In cases of true hysteria and ecstasy the breathing is very perceptible. If a leg be placed up above the body it will remain there an indefinite length of time; if an arm be extended at right angles from the body it will retain its position for several moments, and perhaps for an hour or more. This particular muscular condition is peculiar to catalepsy. An old-time physician relates an instance where the patient became cataleptic just as she was putting a cup of tea to her mouth. It is not reported that any mishap occurred, and she finished the beverage at the conclusion of the attack. A subject of this complaint in Bellevue hospital remained upon his back for a considerable time (the limbs were placed in position by attendants), with both arms and one leg raised high in the atr. He was unconscious during the entire time. I had a young married lady under my professional care some time ago, whose case at the beginning opened up in a comical way. She had been run down and was nervous for some time, and one dark, stormy night, about bed-time, her whole body suddenly became fixed and rigid. Her husband, in his fright, raised her right arm directly in front of her body in such a way that the fixed arm and fingers pointed directly at him. The white, ghostly face and upraised arm of justice were too much for him. In a few seconds of time he recalled the sins of his youth and several others he had committed since his marriage to the woman before him, and with one terrified look he fled from the house and appeared at my office with his eyes as large as young sugar bowls, and his hair standing up all over his head like a new feathered duster. Under appropriate treatment the lady recovered, and, more than that, her husband has since become one of the most obedient and dutiful of men; for he has a vague, undefined impression that the hand of heaven has something to do with that case, and he has kept his toes straight up to the line of husbandly duty ever since. One of the principal causes of this difficulty is an inherited nervous temperament, which predisposes one to nervous disease. Most subjects have re- elected a member of the Royal Microscopi epilepsy, or insanity. Most of the cases lady ever elected. met with are women, and the disease is developed most frequently at about the time of publicity. Fright, anger, and grief are often exciting causes. When Covent Garden theatre was last burned down a young girl in St. Mary's hospital awoke suddenly and saw the fire. She was greatly excited all night, and the next morning she had a cataleptic fit. Nan Sweiten tells the story of a woman who was roasting chestnuts in a fryingpan, and kept continually stirring them to keep them from scorching. While doing this she was seized with catilepsy. While watching her she vomited two worms, when the catalepsy passed off and she had no return of the disease. Catalepsy and epilepsy may interchange, and the place of the other. In olden times catalepsy were but too frequently buried readers." alive. A mistake of that kind could scarcely happen now, but the application | Are rapidly becoming a nuisance, and we of the mirror to the mouth for the purthe hot iron to the flash to determine ligature of a finger or toe, and the knowledge obtained as to whether the circulation continues-these are means that should always be employed in doubtful cases. I could point you to a lady now in our midst who was carried to the cemetery while under the influence of this disease, and only recovered consciousness as

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knocked a baby carriage into splinters without doing the slightest injury to the

D. F. James of San Francisco owns a remarkably small dog. It weighs less than one and a half pounds. It is perfect in form and is quite intelligent.

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The Cable is a London paper published specially in the interests of Americans and Canadians in England.

The burial of a young woman who died of pneumonia in Salem, Mass, a week or so ago, was postponed by relatives of the deceased, who noticed color and warmth about her, which suggested to them that she might be in a trance. After five days, however, all the prospects for restoration to life vanished, mortification set in, and the body was buried. Physicians, it is stated, could give no satisfactory reason for the warmth.

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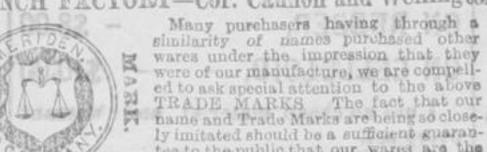
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