

UPON A PECULIAR DEFORMITY OF THE BODY, CAUSED BY SCIATICA.—J. Babinsky, *Archives de Neurologie*, p. 1, 1888.

In this article five cases are published, with illustrations, which prove that in certain cases of sciatica a peculiar deformity of the body occurs, which until now seems to have escaped observation. It is not simply a coincidence, but an actual relationship of cause and effect. The position of these patients is striking, and differs decidedly from the deformities caused by other affections (coxalgia), and therefore may even serve as a diagnostic point.

*Case I.*—Male, æt. 37; since two years left sciatica. A year ago commencement of the deformity. No affection of the hip-joint. When standing, the following position is taken. The body is inclined to the right, the side opposite to the affected limb, so that the weight of the body is supported almost entirely by the sound leg; in addition to the lateral inclination, a slight flexion of the body forward and a certain degree of rotation of the body upon its vertical axis are observed, so that the right shoulder is thrown forward and the left backward. The spinal column presents two curvatures, the one in the lumbar region, with its concavity to the right; the other in the dorsal and its concavity to the left. The right leg is slightly flexed upon the thigh. This deformity persists in the horizontal position, and all attempts to rectify it cause great pain. The author considers the possibility of a coxitis, but after mature reasoning discards it. The other cases present variations dependent upon the location of the sciatica, whether right or left. The mode of production is analysed. To the question whether the deformity may disappear entirely, the author answers affirmatively. G. W. J.

PARAMYOLONUS MULTIPLEX AND SPASMOPHILIA. (Neben Myoclonic Convulsibilität), by Prof. Seeligmüller, *Deutsche Medicinische Wochenschrift*, Dec. 29, 1887.

The author adds two more cases to the relatively rapid increasing histories of this affection, making in all three