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DOUBLE OR DISEASED CONSCIOUSNESS.

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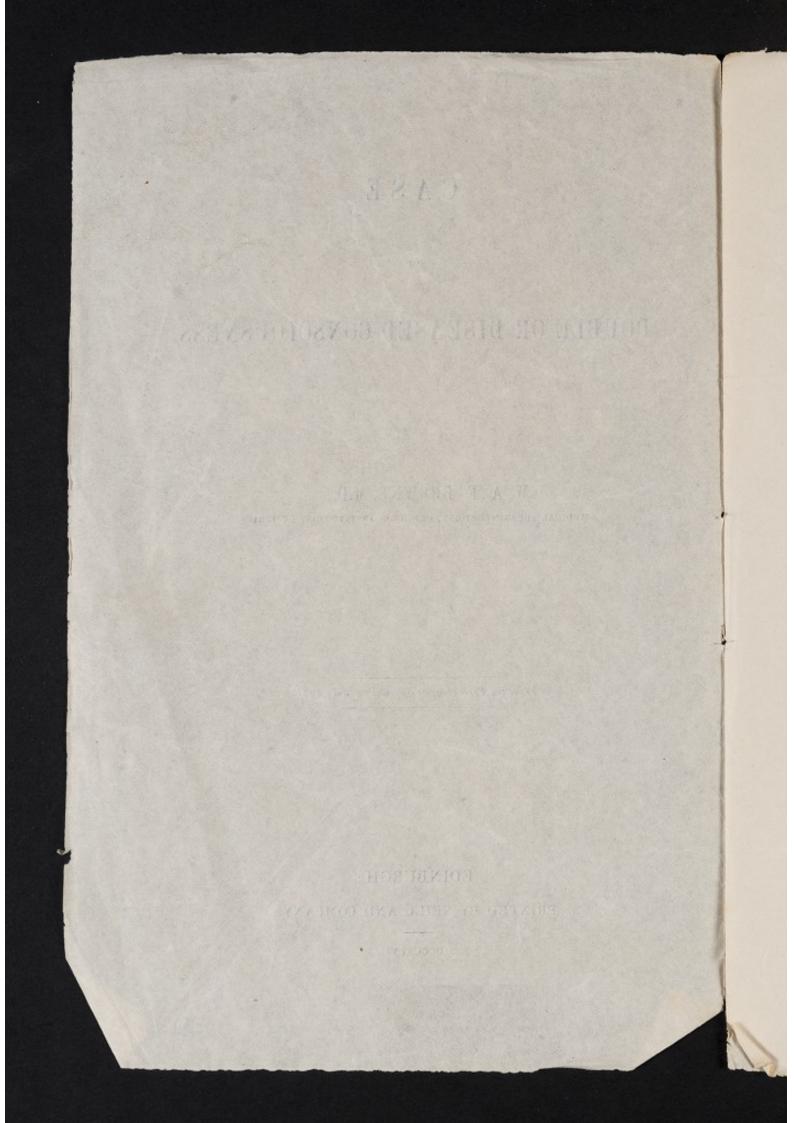
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of the fulfilment of one of her dreams by the death of a friend. Her bodily health is portect, all nor hubblens are regular, and vigorous. Her aspect is intelligent, and no impairment of On 15th March 1847, I visited J. H., æt. 18, at the request and in the presence of Dr M'Culloch of Dumfries. About two years ago, the patient, who is the daughter of a respectable druggist, was affected with hysteria previous to a great constitutional change. The symptoms noticed were the globus and spasmodic flexure of the fingers. The phenomena which now exist followed this state, and were not mitigated nor modified by the establishment of the constitutional change alluded to. For many hours each day, the patient is in what may be called her normal condition; for nearly an equal number she is in an abnormal condition. She has no recollection during the one, what passes, or what she has done, or acquired, or suffered, during the other. There is no tie or connexion between the two periods or states. The somnambulic state is ushered in by a yawn, a sensation of globus, and the drooping of the eyelids, which remain half closed during its continuance, but do not obstruct vision. It generally passes away by the ejection of a mouthful of phlegm from the stomach. Between these two acts, the yawn and the eructation, the woman is vivacious, more mirthful than when herself, knits, reads, sings, acquires songs, converses with relatives and acquaintances, and is said to display greater shrewdness than at other times. Her letters are better in composition and penmanship than she can produce when awake or in the natural state. This may be called her state of clairvoyance. When aroused, she has no recollection whatever of anything that has taken place : she has forgotten, or rather has no knowledge or consciousness of the persons she has seen, the songs she has learned, the books she has read; and if she resumes reading, it is at the place at which she had stopped when in her natural condition. When she reads in her abnormal state, the same thing happens. The duration of the trance is generally about two hours. It occurs repeatedly during each day, and more frequently of late. The development of the fit is generally

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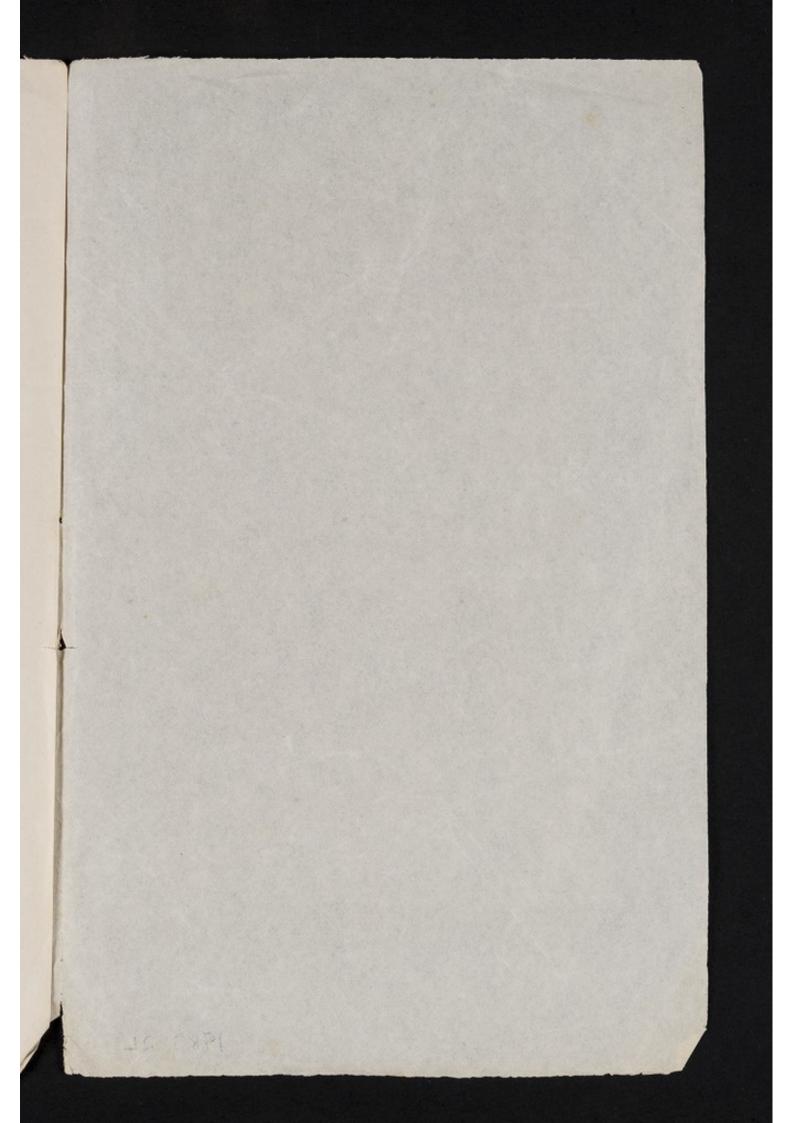
" DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 29th May, and your kind inquiries respecting my daughter, I am happy to say, the symptoms, we think, are still favourable. Since I wrote to you, her short and slight *ill turns* have become more frequent—say six times a-day,—but of a very mild character, and remaining no longer than one minute, during which time she is perfectly sensible, hears distinctly, but cannot speak, and is relieved by a yawn. She is quite as stout and healthy as before."

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