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Abstract of Cases of Spastic Rigidity.

I.	Esther T. (78.)	4	Contraction of flexors and adductors of lower extremities slight; left particularly affected.
II.	Frances Ann F. 1840. (80.)	7	Spastic rigidity of adductors and flexors of thighs, flexors of knees, and posterior muscles of legs; left most affected.
III.	Lydia C. April, 1844. (81.)	6	Spastic contraction of lower extremities; knees separable one foot. Gastrocnemii, especially left, much contracted. Left arm contracted, but extensible. Makes slight attempts to walk.
IV.	Jane B. April, 1845. (136.)	9	Spastic rigidity of gastrocnemii; slight of knees. Walking commenced at six years of age. Never balanced herself unaided, until use of high-heeled boots two years ago. Right arm inefficient through inability properly to supinate and extend it.
V.	Emma S. In consultation with Mr. Searle, 1845. (149.)	3½	Slight rigidity of thighs, knees, and gastrocnemii. Thighs cannot be thoroughly separated, knees can with difficulty be straightened, and the feet flexed only when the knees are bent. Right gastrocnemius more contracted. In 1850 reported equally contracted, left more deformed, owing to implication of foot adductors. "Hands less perfect than brothers and sisters."
VI.	Hannah D. Aug., 1845. Seen with Mr. Kisch. (159.)	11	Spastic contraction of lower extremities, flexors, especially of gastrocnemii, and adductors. Occasional strabismus; left slightly worse. Slight projection of sternum.

Labour Abnormal, or Premature, or Asphyxia at Birth.

<p>Mother confined at seventh month of gestation through over-fatigue.</p> <p>Strabismus convergens of left eye.</p> <p>Mother's first pregnancy; at full period; labour tedious and difficult, but "straight." Mother suffered from fright two months before confinement; never felt movements of fetus afterwards. Child in a state of stupor four or five days after birth, or alternately crying or convulsed. Unable to suck until five days old. Ran alone on toes at four years of age. Intellect unaffected.</p> <p>"Irritable nervous system." General appearance of irregular muscular action.</p> <p>Mother had great anxiety during gestation; a fright two days before confinement. Child insensible two or three days after birth. "Fits" after birth.</p> <p>Strabismus. Constipated. Says "mamma" and "papa" only. Expresses aversion and pleasure. Idiotic. Died one month after report, suddenly, in convulsions. Had previous convulsions occasionally, apparently excited by loaded stomach.</p> <p>Mother's third pregnancy. Suffered in health and spirits through death of a friend in her confinement. Child born at eighth month; was "the smallest infant" seen. Was apparently born perfect, but slept unusually during fourteen days. In convulsions from beginning of the third week to twelfth week; never free for five minutes during that period; i.e. not without "a hand, finger, or toe being convulsed."</p> <p>Strabismus. Speech difficult. Intellect feeble; memory good. Docile, affectionate, jealous. In 1846, one year after first report, "has had governess and rubber constantly employed in her mental and physical education. Is much improved in talking and walking, and use of hands; begins the piano; more cheerful; anxious to improve."</p> <p>Seventh month child. Weighed at birth 2 lb. 8 oz.; cried, and took breast directly.</p> <p>Intellect good. "Said to be precocious." Frontal region narrow; excitable, passionate. In 1850, reported to walk with difficulty, timid, afraid of falling; has grown stout, excellent health, very active. Formerly never accustomed to sleep well; at present sleep is good. When standing, principal defect is inversion of left foot.</p> <p>First child. Born three or four weeks before time. "Mother was a week in labour." Infant emaciated. Did not cry for three weeks, and then not as another child; "couldn't breathe;" suppressed cry (laryngismus); deglutition was difficult, and remains slightly so. Never had a fit when awake, but ever since birth the slightest noise, or other disturbance during sleep, would excite starting and stiffening of limbs. At age of nine or ten months began to improve. Was weaned at seven months. Showed signs</p>	<p>A later child subject to fits; another never rallied at birth.</p>
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