

ADMITTED

July 30<sup>th</sup>  
1882.

Name Elizabeth Woods Age 30  
 Occupation Wife of a Plumber. Residence Bungay  
 Religion Church of England. Education Read & Write  
 Height Weight 95 & 160  
 Married or Single Married. No. of Children 5.

## HISTORY

Predisposing Previous attacks

Exciting Childbirth

Hereditary Uncle an inmate of Colney Hatch.  
Mother very intemperate.

She has had 5 children and after each confinement she has been more or less excited but has always been treated at home and recovered; the attacks being transient. On the 11<sup>th</sup> May she was confined and every one was alarmed upon her. On the 17<sup>th</sup> day after delivery she became restless and excited and so she has remained ever since being perfectly unmanageable unless under the influence of medicine, she is destructive and impulsive & is disposed to the violent word work. Her habits are dirty, she is irascible, and has not taken her meals at all well for some days.



DURATION

7 weeks.

ON ADMISSION

Mind In a very excited state, struggling, shouting loudly and using most obscene language.  
 Body Is well nourished and she is apparently free from any organic disease.

Was very excited, seldom admitted, struggling and shouting and so she continued after being put to bed until 9 p.m. Chloral was administered to her soon within a short time she became under its influence and slept for some hours. This morning she was dressed and got up. but she is very excited, indeed and it is necessary to have two attendants to restrain her. She has taken liquid nourishment fairly well.

21<sup>st</sup> So to-day again very restless and last night did not sleep until she was under the influence of Chloral. She is rather more manageable to-day, but violent and very incoherent in her conversation.

22<sup>nd</sup> Had no medicine last night and slept fairly well. This morning she was quiet and talked sensibly, and seemed quite rational. This state however was only of very temporary duration for she has been excited nearly all day. She has taken nourishment fairly well, and as she has not yet been attempted to destroy anything but clothes will be substituted for ticks to night and 3/4 of her open bed administered to her at bedtime.

23<sup>rd</sup> She slept well nearly all night, & day she continues excited and spiteful, and her habits are faulty. She takes nourishment fairly well.

24<sup>th</sup> She sleeps fairly well at night, but is restless by day still rather obstinate and inclined to be refractory. She takes all her meals, with a little perspiration & can with attention be kept clean.

25<sup>th</sup> She continues in much the same state, her ideas are very confused and she only talks in the most rambling and incoherent way. She is very spiteful and untractable she will not do herself neither will she endure herself. She takes her meals now willingly and sleeps without any medicine. Habits are still rather faulty.

Mind Patient

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 September 16<sup>th</sup> Her habits have now improved, but she still  
 talks in an incoherent way, is very obstinate  
 and if thwarted in any way is inclined to be  
 spiteful. She is always more stubborn and violent  
 on alternate days. She does not display herself  
 in any way - and cannot draw the curtain around  
 her. She is more tractable than she was and is  
 less restless on the whole, but she has paroxysm-  
 -al attacks of excitement when she is very  
 unmanageable and vindictive. She sleeps fairly  
 well at night and talks her words well. She  
 has lately resided on No. 4, but where her con-  
 dition has on the whole improved, how and  
 how she has lucid intervals when she will  
 carry on a conversation and ask questions, but  
 she has a meaningless expression.

October 10<sup>th</sup> For the last 3 weeks she has resided on No. 6, she  
 is now quiet and no particular trouble but  
 she is self-willed and if not allowed to  
 have her own way is inclined to be ill temp-  
 erous and sullen. She employs herself evening  
 but does not seem to be able to industriously  
 employ herself for long together. She can carry  
 on a conversation but she talks at times in  
 rather a childish way and very little common sense.  
 She sleeps fairly well at night, but is at times  
 rather restless, when she talks to herself and laughs  
 apparently at her own jokes for she laughs without  
 being spoken to & when all is quiet in the house  
 her appetite is good and she enjoys good health.  
 She has for several days been rather slightly nervous  
 and nervous, but she carries on sensibly  
 is no trouble. She is rather restless at night at  
 times, but quiet & keeps in bed, although her

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 mental condition cannot be considered to be altogether  
 satisfactory at the present relations of her friends  
 who are in comfortable circumstances and able to  
 give her every care she has been discharged on  
 2 months probation - Wright 10th 5th



A satisfactory medical certificate having been  
 received from Dr. Cummins under whose  
 care she has been she has been  
 discharged as "Recovered"

Thomas J. Crompton

Catherine Love Hurlin. Ent'd from Vol. 668  
 is allowed extra diet &c

Since her removal to the Auxiliary Asylum she  
 has been much more contented and rational.  
 She is very indolent and spends the greater part  
 of the day wandering about the airing grounds.  
 Vanity, self-indulgence and selfishness are inclinations  
 in her. But her mental state appears now to be  
 fairly natural.

She has many failings which are unfortunately nat-  
 ural to her but she is quiet and well herself  
 in a becoming manner and she will therefore be  
 discharged at the end of the month.

She to-day left the Asylum on trial for a month  
 Wright

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