

ADMITTED  
Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>  
1882.

CAUSATION

DURATION

ON ADMISSION

Name *Maudie Louisa Alger* Age *24*  
 Occupation *Domestic Servant* Residence *London*  
 Religion *Wesleyan* Education *Read 4th*  
 Height *5ft 3 3/4 in* Weight *76 1/2 lb*  
 Married or Single *Single* No. of Children

HISTORY.

Predisposing *Her maternal uncle*  
*Alger died here.*  
 Exciting *A Love affair*

Hereditary *Her maternal uncle Robert*  
*Alger died here.*

Her mental illness dates from six days ago. At first she was very talkative, violent & hysterical in her behaviour and given to dressing herself in a pouting manner. Since then she has been very outrageous, spitting about & making use of abusive and indecent language. She has had next to no rest and twice last night tried to jump out of window and said she would drown herself. She is now incoherent in her talk & says she has a great amount of air and that she suffers from asthma, which is evidently a delusion founded on the fact that a former master of hers died of that complaint. She also fancies that three men in London want to marry her. Habit clean.

Mind *Very excited, noisy and talks wildly.*

Body *Is anaemic and delicate. Heart and lungs apparently healthy so far as examination would allow owing to her great restlessness.*



The night of admission she slept well but last night was restless and had gr xx blood U.S. She talks incessantly and is constantly on the move, seeming to be unable to control herself for the shortest possible time. Of a very irritable disposition. Takes her food fairly well but is very anaemic.

18<sup>th</sup> In the restless state above described she continues, unless she has blood draught at bedtime she is very noisy indeed. She is noisy, restless and destructive talk only in the most incoherent way, and her habits are faulty. She talks all her meals well.

19<sup>th</sup> She continues in much the same restless and irritable state, talks volubly and much incoherently, she is destructive and still requires blood at bedtime.

20<sup>th</sup> She was very noisy nearly all last night, shouting & banging at her room door. She has been ordered gr xx blood Hypodermic to night. U.S.

22<sup>nd</sup> She slept much better last night after the draught but she shows at present no sign of mental improvement for she talks in a wild rambling incoherent way and if not closely attended is very destructive.

24<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> She continues very excited and noisy both by day and night. She is destructive and dirty in her habits and can not sleep at all unless under the influence of blood and Bromide.

She tied her hair round her throat, and as this was dangerous in consequence of her being asphyxiated it was cut off. She cannot be left at all during the day and is frequently so unreasonable that blood & Bromide are prescribed in combination and with satisfactory result. Still restless and destructive, and there is no improvement in her habits, but she is more orderly.

January 7<sup>th</sup>  
1883

to discipline and sleep fairly well after her  
Colonial St. H. Br. She takes all her meals well  
and continues in good flight  
She is not now noisy excepting ~~occasionally~~  
at intervals during the night. She also sleep  
without medicine but she continues very  
mischievous, at times faulty in her habits  
and as incontinent in her conversation as  
It is necessary to dress and wear her  
V.S.

March 17<sup>th</sup>

She is much quieter than she was, but mis-  
chievous, and destructive to her clothing tearing  
her dresses to pieces and turning her dress  
V.S. with them. She sleep well is cleanly  
in her habits and will to night be tired  
associated after Bishoprick St. (200 Colonial St.)

51<sup>st</sup>

She slept associated until last <sup>night</sup> when she had  
again to be removed to single room for she  
became restless talkative, and destructive  
turning blankets V.S. to decorate herself with  
She is now quick and teachable and but  
requires to be kept under close supervision  
on account of her mischievous propensities.  
She was lately quarrelsome but without any  
ostensible effect. She talks her meals well  
has gained flesh and looks well. Her con-  
-versation is still most incoherent

April 16<sup>th</sup>

She was so restless and noisy this morning  
beside being very mischievous that 9:15 Chloro-  
form St. H. Br. q.v. was prescribed for and after the  
under its influence she was much more man-  
-ageable.

May 31<sup>st</sup>

Has been much quieter lately and less destructive  
Her intellect continues very clouded, for altho'  
able to answer a question now and then

occasionally, her general conversation is most rambling  
and incoherent. For the last 3 weeks she has  
had no medicine and as she sleep well will  
be first associated again to night. She now  
assists to some extent in cleaning in the wards  
but she can do nothing without considerable supervision.  
She has within the last few weeks considerably  
improved, for she is not so flighty, has abandoned  
the habit of descending herself with eggs and butter  
and sleep associated without medicine. She  
talks more rationally and is much more natural  
so she has been removed to her ward, and  
sleep on her 5 long room associated.

She is still flighty and somewhat rambling in  
her conversation, but she appears to be improving  
slowly for she sleep well is able to look after  
herself and has several times lately been allowed  
to visit her friends in charge of an attendant  
She employs herself at needlework V.S. but requires  
considerable attention to make her do it properly

She has lately much improved being quick rational  
and industrious, and has been employed in the  
laundry for some days, there she works well  
and conducts herself in a satisfactory manner  
She is neat and tidy in her personal appearance  
sleeps well & enjoys good health.

Her mental condition continues in every way sa-  
-tisfactory so she has to day been discharged  
as "recovered." Weight



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