



CONGENITAL PTOSIS WITH SYNCHRONOUS MOVEMENTS OF THE AFFECTED LID AND LOWER JAW.

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(With three illustrations.)

T. W. B. is a boy now seven years of age. He is one of a family of three children whose parents are healthy and intelligent Americans. No malformation is present in any of them, except himself, and none is known to have existed in either the paternal or maternal ancestors. This boy is well developed, healthy, and unusually intelligent. He has a symmetrical and well-shaped head and face, and were it not for the ptosis on the right side he would be quite a handsome lad. Soon after birth it was noticed that the right eyelids did not open with the left, but would always remain closed, excepting when the mouth was opened, and then they would separate and close again with the closure of the mouth. This condition has continued without any apparent change to the present time. On examination I find that when the boy's mouth is closed the right eyelids are also closed, and there is not the slightest movement of the upper lid when the left eyelids are ordinarily opened, or the left eyeball is directed upwards, or when any other movement is made by which the eye or head is turned, or the face drawn, or the lower jaw carried to one side. Figure 1 shows the appearance of the boy's eyes when he is looking forward, with his mouth closed. If the boy is asked to open both eyes as widely as he can, the right upper lid is raised a little, as shown in Figure 2. But this is done entirely by the action of the occipito-frontalis muscle and not in the least by the