

NYSTAGMUS AND AMBLYOPIA

8/1934. Charles L. - NYSTAGMUS AND AMBLYOPIA. This was my first patient of this type. Boy was aged 4 yrs., 8 mos. When brought to me. He was born in New York City. The Mother gave me the boy's history. She stated that the boy had an unusual eye problem, discovered when he was 3 weeks old. The eyes had lateral movement. She was told to take Charles to the Medical school at New York State University. There, she was advised that the boy might outgrow the condition and asked to bring him back in one year. One year later, when examined there seemed to be nothing they could do for the boy. Following this Charles was taken to many eye clinics in New York. They'd prescribed seven different pairs of glasses – all of which Charles broke to pieces during play. The last eye doctor the parents took the boy to in New York City was located in the Empire State Building on the 16th floor. The Doctor saw the boy for 20 minutes and advised he'd need brain surgery due to mal-development of the brain center. The was now 2 years old. The parent paid the \$200.00 fee charged by this doctor and visited no more doctors in New York City.

Charles took his meals in the kitchen with the maid. The family could not have hm at the table though they'd tried on a number of occasions. Charles would grab dishes, full or not, and throw them to the floor. He'd grab the table cloth and pull the entire setting of the meal to the floor. A year following the family's move from New York City to Chicago Heights Ill. He was brought to my office.

My examination revealed the eye grounds were very healthy and Retinoscope on book technique found to be +2.00 D. OU. Vision 20/100. Very poor posture. Charles was leaning forward constantly. I prescribed selected light frequencies 15" each day – 5 treatments per week. The third week, the boy's father (an unusual man) came to advise me not to stop treatment and, in fact, not to spare any time as they were so very pleased with Charles' obvious improvement.

Treatment started in August 1934. By December, Nystagmus gone and vision naked 20/25 each eye. In January, Charles had been in Kindergarten for 3 mos. On the school's Field Day, Charles received first prize (among 26 children) for skills displayed in accuracy for hitting targets with suction-cup gun tossing rings onto a peg, etc.

In 1942, Charles as a Junior in High School – getting near-perfect grades. In 1962, during a visit to Chicago Heights, I inquired about Charles and learned that he'd received a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry and a PhD. In Chemistry from Harvard University. He was in New York City working and was one of the top-salaried men in his chemical field.

Very truly yours

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