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process that is going on. While it is true that degeneration is part and parcel of an inflammatory process, inflammation is not usually part of a degenerative condition.

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Four cases are reported as representing a form of progressive muscular atrophy due to syphilis.

As a group, these cases exhibit histological, physical, and serological evidences of syphilis; the atrophy often begins with pain, most frequently involves the upper extremities and not uncommonly occurs first in the shoulders and simultaneously or later in the hands, and may be very patchy in its distribution; the pyramidal tracts may or may not be involved.

A review of knowledge of the pathology of the group reveals much confusion, but seems to indicate a syphilitic meningoradiculomyelitis as the basis for most cases, with the question of a truly parenchymatous and selective syphilitic disease of the anterior horn cells as yet unsettled.

Antisyphilitic measures, vigorously and actively adopted, offer therapeutic hope in an otherwise hopeless neurological field.

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The author's findings may be thus summarized. When an individual indulges in continual conscious wish phantasy, even though it be non-sexual, it makes itself manifest in the dream. Although any crime may be based on a maternal, paternal, or other complex, the emotions are so stirred by punishment or other conditions resulting from incarceration, that the non-incarceration existence tends to blot out significant dream material concerning the crime. The paternal situation may often determine the lines upon which a dream will be formed, but there is no consistency between intelligence and dream content. A minimum of dreams was found carrying a content which could be interpreted along Freudian lines and in which a subconscious stream of thought was suggested. A simplification of dreams occurs with an increased simplicity of environment (prison environment). These findings tend to suggest that while there may be latent (Freudian) content in non-neurotic individuals, most dreams may be explained more simply than is usually the case.

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