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Introduction: The following case report was created based on the writing of DeJarnette who used a patient's presentation and response to care as a reason as the development of his occipital fiber technique.

Case Report: A home visit was made (in 1925) to treat what was a boy diagnosed with meningitis. The parents had been told that the boy would not live until night. Treatment was challenging due to the body rigidity with the patient's skull pulled to the right and down toward his shoulder.

Treatment/Intervention: Due to the patient's presenting position an "occipital condyle traction adjustment" was performed that morning and "repeated it twenty-five times in the next twelve hours" by lifting of the right occiput with a jerking maneuver.

Results: Each time the occipital condyle traction adjustment was applied, the spasms would lessen. Within an hour, the opisthotonos diminished with body relaxation, breathing slowed dramatically, the fever decreased and by 3.00PM he was asleep.

Conclusion: This case report is taken from a relatively informal newsletter describing an event that took place close to a 85 years earlier. It is possible that the treatment was related to the "jolt accentuation maneuver" and the patient did not have meningitis, yet had symptomatic improvement from the intervention. (This is an abstract from a research conference presentation only and does not represent a full work that has been peer reviewed and accepted for publication.)

