CASE NOTES

PARADOXICAL LID RETRACTION IN UNILATERAL CONGENITAL PTOSIS*

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PARADOXICAL lid retraction in unilateral congenital ptosis when the normal eye is covered is rarely mentioned in the literature, so that the following case may be of interest.

Case Report

A girl aged 18 years was brought for a cosmetic correction of congenital ptosis. She had a right-sided ptosis of 4 mm. (Fig. 1); elevation of the right globe was absent (Fig. 2); function of the orbicularis oculi was good; the right pupil reacted normally to direct light as well as consensually; visual acuity was normal.

The left eye was normal in all respects.

When the left eye was occluded to record the visual acuity in the right eye, the sudden retraction of the ptosed right upper eyelid (Fig. 3) drew our attention. On uncovering the left eye, ptosis re-appeared on the right side.

Fig. 1.—4-mm. ptosis on right side in primary position.

Fig. 2.—Absence of elevation of right eyeball.

Fig. 3.—Disappearance of ptosis on covering left eye.

Summary

A case of paradoxical lid retraction in congenital ptosis is described.

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