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As I noted in another paper, whenever I see a patient with a severe, bizarre, or long-lasting migraine refractory to treatment, I suspect that I am dealing with migraine plus something else—such as a mild psychosis, an unrecognized epilepsy, a cerebral arteriosclerosis, or a constitutional inadequacy. Elsewhere, I have described a series of patients with migraine plus a mild psychosis. Now I present cases in which migraine was complicated by a mild epilepsy or an epileptic carrier state.

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