

SINGULAR TRANCE.—At the village of Farrington, about nine miles from Bristol, England, a young woman named Ann Cromer, daughter of a master mason, now lies in a complete state of catalepsy, in which trance-like condition, should she remain until next November, she will have been for no less than thirteen years. During the whole of this extended period she has not partaken of any solid food, and the vital principle has only been sustained by the mechanical administration of fluids. Although reduced almost to a perfect skeleton, her countenance bears a very placid expression. Her respiration is perceptible, her hands warm, and she shows some indications of existing consciousness. Upon one occasion, when asked if suffering, to squeeze the hand of her mother placed in hers for that purpose, a slight pressure, the mother avers, was plainly distinguishable; and frequently when suffering from cramp, she has been heard to make slight moans.

About four months after the commencement of her trance, she was seized with lock-jaw, which occasioned great difficulty in affording her nourishment. The unfortunate young woman is twenty-three years of age, and has been visited by a great many medical gentlemen, who, however, hold out no hopes of her ultimate recovery.

QUACKS AND REGULARS—IRISH WIT.—It has been somewhere said, that the only difference between a *quack* and a *regular*, is this: that the one kills you, whilst you *die under* the other.

A poor Irishman, who was lately admitted under the care of Mr. Travers, seems to have been much of this way of thinking. He was the subject of an eruptive disease; and when questioned by Mr. Travers, as to whether he had “ever been under the care of a quack;” “Och! no, (rejoined Pat,) plase your honor—shure I never went to a HOSPITAL before.”

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APPLICATION OF ADHESIVE PLASTER.—The practice in the Italian Hospitals, is to cut the strips of plaster quite broad at the extremities, and narrow in the centre, so that when applied, there may be so many points of contact for the ends of the plaster, that they cannot slip. By this arrangement, the edges of the wound are kept more certainly in contact, and larger spaces are left for the escape of pus, or other fluid matter.

CHOLERA IN CALIFORNIA.—By a late arrival from California, we learn that the cholera has made rapid strides in Chagres, the number of deaths in three weeks being 135, while in Sacramento they had reached 1000.—The disease was subsiding.