

vered, that, at that date, he could walk firmly and steadily, though his limbs were still somewhat stiff. The pills and the colchicum mixture were then discontinued, his gums having been slightly touched, and the following mixture was substituted:—*℞* potas. iodid. ʒ ss.; *tr.* gentiana co ʒ i.; *aq.* ʒ v.; *m.* coch. ampl. *ter* in die. This mixture was continued until the 9th of June, when he was discharged perfectly cured.

Remarks.—The lesion in this case was probably confined chiefly to the meninges of the spinal cord and base of the brain, including the cerebellum, the function of which, (according to modern physiologists muscular co-ordination), was deranged. It was apparently of a rheumatic character. Cupping along the spine seemed to be the most effectual of the remedies employed. The colchicum, digitalis and potash mixture increased his urine in quantity, removed the heavy deposits of lithates, and, at the same time, tranquilized the vascular excitement. The precaution was taken of touching his gums with the mercurial, lest any effusion should cause abiding pressure on the cord or central origin of the nerves proceeding from it.

MEDICAL NEWS.

M. Roux, the celebrated surgeon of Paris, who had performed more operations than any other man, living or dead, has lately died of apoplexy, at the age of 74, after having been engaged for half a century in private practice, public instruction, and in hospital attendance. Shortly before death, he said, that "he felt himself good for twenty years service with the knife yet." He was struck down while correcting the proofs of a work which he intended shortly to publish, entitled, "Forty Years of Surgery." The volumes were sufficiently advanced not to suffer materially by his death.—In Versailles, between the hours of 9 P.M. and 9 A.M., from 1801 to 1840, there were 16,860 infants born, and from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M., only 13,738, or about 123 to 100.—In France there are 11,277 physicians, 7,221 *officiers de sante*, and 5,175 pharmacutists, and yet there are 591 communes, with a population of over 2,000 souls, in which there are neither physicians, health officers, or pharmacutists.—The heirs of a Parisian dentist have recently brought suit for the recovery of \$4,000, for 12 sets of artificial teeth, furnished from 1841 to 1852, to a countess, famous at the restoration for her wit and beauty; 15 or 20 *paying* patrons of this kind would constitute quite a desirable acquisition to the practice of our Montreal friends.—A tooth key is on exhibition in Boston, said to have been used by Dr. Snowden on board the *Mayflower* in 1492.—The demand for nitrate of silver, in making hair dye, is said to be large.—The Turkish army at Natolu is in a complete state of demoralization, typhus fever is committing great ravages among them there, and the *Bashi-Bazouks*, or Turkish irregulars, are committing great atrocities, burning whole villages and towns, and murdering the Christian population; hospitals are so crowded that private houses have to be used for the sick.—Up to the 8th April, the total number of cases of cholera treated in Paris was 1204; discharged cured, 582; dead, 574.—On 2nd April, a cold breeze sprang up in the Baltic, and became so intense as to severely affect the crew of a boat out on a watering excursion: 4 were paralysed, 1 died, and the remainder had barely strength enough to take the boat to the nearest ship in the fleet.—A physician in Alabama has had to pay the sum of \$10,000 for seducing the daughter of a patient.—Some cases of erysipelas, of unusual severity, have been noticed lately in New England.—A prospectus is out of a new medical journal, to be published monthly in San Francisco, California.—A new Medical College is to be established at Atlanta, Georgia. The trustees invite applications from men of eminence for the professorship.—A young man in Nashua, N. H., lost his life last week in consequence of drinking a portion of bed bug poison, mistaking it for *bitters*.—The Baltic hospital ship left England the first week in May for the Sound. She is fitted with 160 hospital beds for wounded, 118 on the lower deck, 38 on the orlop, and 4 in the amputation room. 10 cabins are appropriated to wounded officers.—From some recent returns, it appears that a hundred millions of pounds of chicory are now consumed in Europe. In Germany, it is mixed with turnips, which makes it sweeter; it is also mixed with ground acorns, and it is then recommended for its wholesome effect upon the blood of scrofulous persons.