

charge from the wound. Ordered the water to be used at a temperature agreeable with the patient's feelings, but to keep the leg and foot cool by using a larger quantity; the surface of the body to be bathed with tepid water, followed by brisk frictions, until the fever and chills subside.

28th.—Slept well, but interrupted by dreaming; tongue is cleaner, and general symptoms better; heat in the leg and foot diminished; the water is used in less quantity, and little more than tepid; appetite is improving; discharge from the joint more copious, and thinner; the patient passed his urine to-day without the use of the catheter. Ordered a seidlitz powder morning and evening.

29th.—No pain complained of; water gradually diminished, and wet cloth substituted.

30th.—Leg and foot red and hot, and numerous red blisters forming; especially on the foot; those on the sole contain some blood; looks something like spots of acute purpura. Fever is abating; tongue is clean, and appetite good. Ordered the leg and foot to be kept wet by sponging, and evaporation promoted by a current of cool air by the use of a bellows or fan. Discharge from the joint is serum, tinged with blood (turbid); about half an inch of the edges of the wound in front, where it was most exposed to the water, is drying, and looks semi-transparent, like raw hide. Nitrate of silver applied to the projecting ligament.

June 5th.—Gradual improvement up to this time; some odor in the wound; discharge from the joint is a light serum, slightly tinged with blood; has complained of occasional pain in the joint; sometimes throbbing on the inner side of the ankle, where there is a swelling and obscure fluctuation; shooting pains have occurred two or three times a day, followed by a discharge from the joint. Ordered charcoal to be added to the poultice on the wound, and the swelling to be painted with tincture of iodine.

6th.—Swelling softer; fluctuation more perceptible; slight granulations appearing in the bottom of the wound. Ordered foot to be painted with tinct. iodine. Splint removed, and leg put on to the double inclined plain; the stitches were removed, and a liberal diet allowed.

9th.—Granulations rising higher in the wound; sloughs partly separated, removed; considerable discharge of pus from the wound, and reddish serous fluid from the joint; swelling on the inner side of the ankle soft; fluctuation distinct; a puncture, with an exploring needle, was followed by the discharge of about half an ounce of light-colored serum; the orifice made by the needle was sealed, and the swelling painted.

11th.—Sloughs all separated, with the exception of a small piece of