

application, and she says that she feels perfectly relieved. In the following case, viz. one of prolapses of the rectum of more than 38 year's standing, and which, during its continuance, was painfully distressing to the subject of it, its beneficial results, although only partial, are extremely marked.

I shall give the gentleman's own history of his suffering. In the year 1819, while serving in India, I had a very severe attack of dysentery. Shortly afterwards the rectum became relaxed, and continued to do so until the year 1824, when it became a confirmed case of prolapse of the rectum; from which time until I consulted Dr. Brown, in April, 1857, it has continued to trouble me, not only at the times of evacuation of the bowels, but when I make use of any exertion, such as in rowing a boat, digging, &c., and at times when simply walking. Previously to my consulting Dr. Brown, I had repeatedly made use of various astringent applications, from none of which, although given the fairest trial, did I receive the slightest benefit.

After the first application of the acid, the prolapses did not descend except when stooling, and then but partially; and after the second application it ceased to do so altogether, unless the bowels were confined or too relaxed, and then even so slightly as to require no force beyond the contraction of the rectum to return it.

The prolapse in this case was of so extensive a nature that on the occasions which I used the acid, I applied it in a very small quantity. So large a portion of the mucous membrane of the rectum was included in the protrusion, that I was afraid a larger application of the escharotic would perhaps produce untoward results from inflammation and sympathetic irritation.

I purpose applying it, if necessary, two or three times again; when, judging from the very great improvement and comfort which it has afforded already, I am very sanguine of its resulting in almost a perfect cure.

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ART. XX.—*A Collection of Remarkable Cases in Surgery.* By PAUL F. EVE, M.D., Professor of Surgery in the Medical Department of the University of Nashville. pp. 858. 1857. Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott & Co.; Montreal, B. Dawson.

As this book is simply what its title implies it to be, viz. "a collection of remarkable cases in surgery," it is, of course, not open to criti-