

to the touch ; in all other parts of the abdomen, pressure was well borne. Pulse was 84, soft ; skin cool and moist. A castor oil enema was administered, and ordered to be repeated in two hours, if the first brought nothing away with it. Hot fomentations were applied to the abdomen. In the evening I found no change in the symptoms ; the same remedies were directed to be persevered with, and a draught, with prussic acid was given, to be repeated every three hours till the stomach was settled.

1st August. The bowels were freely moved this morning ; pain and sickness much relieved ; he was able to retain a cup of tea and some arrow root. Medicines were omitted. This comfortable state continued until evening, when the retching again returned. There was slight pain complained of in the abdomen, but it was quite flat and soft, and the pulse only 90 ; fomentations with turpentine sprinkled on cloths wrung out of hot water, were ordered to be repeated, and chlor. hydrarg. gr. vi., opii gr. i., was administered.

2nd. There was occasional sickness during the night, but it was passed free from violent pain, and he had slept a good deal. There was no material change in the symptoms all day ; in the evening I found that the pain was spreading over a larger extent of the abdomen. There was slight tympanitis, the desire to evacuate the bowels was frequent, and the attempts to do so ineffectual ; the sickness was still much complained of ; pulse was 100, without hardness. Hydrarg. chlor. gr. iij., opii, gr. ss., was ordered every four hours ; turpentine was added to the castor oil injections, and as the skin was tender from the fomentations, a linseed meal poultice was applied over the abdomen.

3rd. Passed a restless night, considerable jactitation, pulse becoming more rapid, tongue furred, tenderness extending over abdomen ; no especial fulness to be discovered on the right side, where pain was first complained of ; bowels not yet acted on ; vomiting continuing. Croton oil was given every two hours, in half drop doses, and at four o'clock in the afternoon the bowels were once freely moved, with manifest relief to all the symptoms. This favorable change continued till midnight, when there was a recurrence of the former symptoms, but with increased severity. In the morning of the 4th I found my patient's pulse 120 and weak ; his tongue was coated, and his features were becoming pinched. There was considerable abdominal tension, and constant vomiting. Dr. Holmes, who in the forenoon saw him with me, recommended a large blister to the abdomen, and hyd. chlor., gr. iij., with opii gr. ss., every two hours. From this period he sunk rapidly, and died about three o'clock in the afternoon.

*Post mortem examination.* On opening the abdomen, the peritoneal