

character, nevertheless, was remarkably mild. The removal of the patient from his damp cabin, into a hammock in a dry part of the vessel, the substitution of fresh meat and vegetable soup, instead of the salted portion of his diet, and a small additional allowance of lemon-juice sufficed to subdue every symptom in three weeks after the attack, and he braved the rest of the voyage on the diet of the ships' company without any recurrence of the complaint.

Early in March two more cases appeared almost simultaneously, one corresponding closely to the foregoing in its origin and result; the other differing, inasmuch as the subject was a man who had occupied one of the most comfortable beds in the ship; but he had been more than once, while in the service of the East India Company, a sufferer from scurvy; his predisposition was also increased by a pernicious habit of eating pork slush. This substance is the more oily part of the fat, which has so great an affinity for the salt, that during the boiling they are discharged together, leaving the meat in a relative state of freshness. The use of this briny fat is strictly prohibited; but this man was detected by the crew in the act of purloining and eating it, and they, with a praise-worthy zeal for the welfare of the Expedition, reported his delinquency.

A fourth case shewed itself in April; the patient was the Greenland mate, employed as a pilot. He had occupied a part of the gunner's cabin, and had, consequently, been exposed to the more tardy operation of the same morbid agents. The remedies used in the first case, were equally successful in the others; but I omitted to notice some auxiliary articles of food which, doubtless, very much accelerated their recovery. These were occasional puddings of preserved fruits, and frequent small salads of mustard and cress forced, with some difficulty, by Captain Parry, in his cabin.

A solitary case of diseased lungs occurred during the voyage, which, in its progress, was combined with scorbutic symptoms. As this case eventually proved fatal, I shall, at the request of Captain Parry, subjoin an abstract of it.

William Scott was entered on the sick list on the 12th of April, having an