

A FORM OF HÆMORRHAGIC SMALL-POX.

Six cases of a modified hæmorrhagic form came under my notice, which present common features and peculiarities, and are, I think, worthy of record. They were all characterized by hæmorrhages into and about the pocks—chiefly those of the lower half of the body—in the vesicular stage. This, instead of being as it was at first regarded an ominous symptom, was followed by abortion of the eruption and speedy recovery. The following was the fourth case observed:

J. G., æt. 27. Vaccinated, one indifferent mark. Admitted June 8th. Eruption appeared on the 5th, and is present as a tolerably plentiful crop on the face, more scattered on the trunk and limbs. A few petechiæ exist in the groins. Symmetrical clusters of papules are observed about the middle of the inner surfaces of the tibiæ, upon the internal maleoli, and also on the inner edges of the soles of the feet. General symptoms good. Pulse 106, full and strong; temperature 99° .

9th.—Vesiculation proceeding normally in the papules on the face, which is becoming much swollen; the neck also is very large, almost obliterating the angle of the chin. Hæmorrhages have taken place around many of the vesicles on the legs and thighs, the areolæ of hyperæmia have become purpuric, and a similar condition is observed about several on the arms. Pulse 96; temperature 99.5° .

10th.—According to the nurse he was a little delirious at times. Pulse 88; temperature 99.2° .

11th.—Almost all the pocks upon the limbs and abdomen are purpuric, those upon the face show no signs of pustulation, but have become firm and hard.

12th.—The 8th day of the eruption; appearance in the evening was as follows: Face and neck much swollen, eyes almost closed. Varioles isolated, yet nearly in contact, of a firm, hard feel, and of a semi-opaque, somewhat translucent