

dividuals through them, but the public morals may be deteriorated. The following diseases have at various times been feigned.

“Alteration of the pulse; altered state of the urine; hæmaturia; incontinence of urine; suppression of urine; maiming and deformity; dropsy and tumours of various kinds; excretion of calculi and various foreign matters; ulcers; hæmoptysis; hæmatemesis; jaundice and cachexia; fever; pain in various parts; Syncope and hysteria; diseases of the heart; apoplexy; paralysis; epilepsy; convulsions; catalepsy; nostalgia; near sightedness; ophthalmia; blindness and deafness, with or without dumbness.”

The state of the pulse may be weakened or even rendered imperceptible by a pressure along the course of the artery, but this will be easily detected. In the case of incontinence of urine, Fodéré recommends applying a ligature round the penis, which will thereby become so enlarged as to render its removal necessary in a short time, if it be real, and not when it is feigned. The urine is also altered in its colour by various means. The Indian fig (*cactus opuntia*) and cantharides taken internally, will make it as red as blood. Maiming or deformity can be also ascertained by a careful examination. Artificial dropsy and other tumours, have been produced by inflating the cellular texture under the skin in various parts of the body, thereby giving the appearance of disease; but as the mere existence of a tumour is not a sufficiently conclusive symptom, it will be the duty of the Physician to attend to the other concomittant circumstances. A feigned excretion of calculi will be ascertained by chemical processes. Calculi pretended to have come from the bladder were found in the vagina, and in the pockets of the impostor.

Artificial ulcers may be distinguished by their border being less callous, their surface more superficial, and less painful than real ones; and by their promptly yeilding to the use of lukewarm water, and being covered with lint. Cancers have been feigned by the application of a part of spleen, glued on