

ployed at the Hopetown Bridge, about fifty years of age, came with a carbuncle on the back of his neck, measuring about three inches across. It was very painful, but he did not feel ill. Ipecacuanha was applied, but not given internally.—May 6th: The tumor measures an inch and a half and is no longer painful.—7th: Nothing remains but a small abscess. An opening having formed at the apex, it was not cut, and the contents were all removed through this hole, which healed in a few days.

CASE 3.—On June 1st another man from the same place came with a similar carbuncle, also on his neck. The course of this case was precisely like that of the previous one.

CASE 4.—On May 18th, 1886, B. B.—, farmer, a strong, healthy man, forty-five years old, was brought into town suffering from a carbuncle on his left buttock. It was as large as a cheese-plate, and so painful that he had not been able to sleep for more than a week. He did not feel ill, but exhausted from pain and want of sleep. Ipecacuanha was applied to the sore, and five grains with one-eighth of a grain of morphia given internally. The application caused some smarting, which lasted for half an hour; after this he slept till morning.—May 19th: The carbuncle has disappeared, except some redness and central fluctuating swelling; this being opened, a quantity of blood with some sloughs and a little pus escaped. Resin ointment was applied.—20th: No thing remains but the small cut; he was able to walk about, and the wound healed in about a week.

Carbuncle has been sometimes described as a large furunculus, or an aggregation of furunculi; it may therefore be of interest to know that ipecacuanha has no beneficial influence upon boils, neither is it of any particular use in erysipelas. The value of the drug in the treatment of some kinds of dysentery is sufficiently well known, and was, in fact, the reason of my experimenting with it in cases of charbon in the absence of any satisfactory remedy for such cases, the two diseases having many points in common.—*London Lancet.*

## SINGULAR CAUSE OF DEATH.

On Friday Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, the coroner for the eastern division of Middlesex, held an inquiry at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, respecting the death of Moses Raphael, aged 32, a commercial traveller, lately residing at 100, St. Paul's-road, Bromley-by-Bow, who died on the previous day in the above hospital. Moses Davis, of Stanley-house, Bow, identified the body as that of his brother-in-law. The deceased had been in witness's employ for a great number of years. About six weeks ago he complained of pains in his head and also of shivers. Dr. Fordham was called in to see him, and gave an opinion that the deceased was suffering from bronchitis. He ordered spirits to be applied to the head, which was done, but the pain still continued, and eventually it was decided to remove him to the hospital. Until the last few weeks the deceased had been in apparently good health. He was a wonderful brain worker, and had kept a set of books most accurately. Henry Muir Doyle, house-surgeon attached to the London Hospital, stated that he received the deceased on his admission. He appeared drowsy, and complained of a pain in his head. He continued in that state till the 10th inst., but at times appeared quite clear-headed and rational. On the 10th symptoms of apoplexy appeared, and deceased expired at 12 o'clock the same night. Witness said that since death he had made a most searching examination of the head and brain. On opening the former he discovered an abscess in the brain. It was about the size of a turkey's egg, and had evidently been there some time. On removing the abscess from the base of the brain a penholder and nib were found protruding from the top of the right orbital plate. The pen was exceedingly sharp, and together with the holder measured nearly three inches. This had produced the abscess, and the abscess had caused death. The holder and nib were of the ordinary kind generally used in schools, and they must have entered the brain by way of the right eye or through the right part of the nose. There was no