

physical phenomena continued to improve, and by the improvement elucidate the manner in which diseased actions pervert the simultaneous and rythmical operations of both lungs, also, by a return to a healthy condition; the beautiful mechanism, by which these organs are characterized, is gradually restored.

14th.—Upon visiting patient at this date, I to my great astonishment, found, that during the night he had made an unknown exit, in order to evade the administration of justice. From the account of parents he continued going on well; no discharge from side, and a marked desire for animal food.

REMARKS.\*—As stated by M. Champouillon of the Hospital of Val de Grâce:—"No medicine has as yet, with the exception of sulphate of quinine, acquired such reputation as iodine." With a view towards contributing one more fact, in confirmation of its extended utility as a remedial agent, the above case has been reported. This latter method (i. e. iodine injection) was suggested, *First*. From the fact of parts as intimately connected with life, as the pleura, having been injected fully, viz.:—The pericardium, by M. Aran; the peritoneal sac of hernia, for the radical cure of ruptures, by Velpeau, Jobert, Maisonneuve, Ricord, Carlson, &c., ovarian cysts, by Babinet of Paris, subsequently by Professor Simpson and many followers. The tunica vaginalis, for the radical treatment of hydrocele, by Mr. R. Martin. Large joints, for the removal of effusion, by Bonnet of Lyons. Other parts similarly treated, but of minor consequences, might be adduced. *Second*. from the circumstance of the pleura itself having been injected for the prevention of pleuritic effusion, with no small share of success. Six cases are related as follows:—M. Babinet, 1; M. Boudant, 1; M. Massiani, 1; M. Aran, 2, and J. Windsor, 1; also Dr. Atlee, 1.—*Braithwaite's Retrospect*, part 31, pages 86 and 87.

It will be observed, of those eight cases cited, only one failed, and that indirectly. Dr. Suytgarens, of Paris, has the credit of having repeatedly injected the pleura with an iodine solution, and with success. The beneficial effects resulting from the extended use of iodine, in analogous cases, proceed from a common principle, viz., that the topical application is capable of altering the morbid tendencies in the part with which it comes in contact when favorable, from its strength &c., of inducing adhesive inflammation in the opposite side of the membrane. The parts mentioned, though various in locality, are homologous in their structural seat and pathological bases, and accordingly the local treatment for the one becomes applicable to the other.

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