

principle of the quill suture in supporting the lips of the wound at their very deepest line in contact, and thus taking the strain off the needles. So effectual was the support and apposition afforded that union by the first intention was constrained, almost through its entire track, the lower part only suppurating. In ten days after being cut, the wound was altogether healed, and the patient went to the country to her friends. Previous to her going home, I urged the removal of the wart above the chin, but to no effect; she would not submit to have it done. During nine months after the operation, she remained free from disease, and satisfied that a cure had been effected. About the end of this time, the wart, which had been permitted to remain, began to spread and get painful. The cicatrix resulting from the former operation became tender, tumid, and ultimately gave way by an ulcerated fissure, which rapidly grew wider, yielding a profuse ichorous discharge.

The destructive action progressed for about a fortnight, when a fungous growth spread around the sulcus formed in the first instance, assuming the shape of a mushroom and the size of a crown-piece, its margin being turned over so as to rest upon the sound skin. She came up to town again for my advice, and I declined interfering by operation; the grounds of objection being chiefly founded on the presence of a deep sinus leading backwards towards the line of lymphatics, parallel and beneath the anterior margin of the sterno-mastoid muscle. Again, the root of the disease was struck so deep, and the width of the contaminating base so widely spread, that even the most expert operator could not be satisfied that the entire was removed. Palliatives were again ordered, and she returned to the country. For many months the disease very slowly increased, but the warty excrescence was very considerably augmented, its surface having ulcerated, and the same process spread its margin, until ultimately it joined the disease spreading upwards from beneath the chin, the two having coalesced and become inseparably united together. During the last four months still further changes have been added; not only has the original manifestation of the disease been progressive, but we have formed two additional tumours, situated one on either side of the neck, and in the line of the absorbents, manifestly of encephaloid nature. Their springiness and elasticity, their colouration, and above all, the microscopic examination of their contents on exploration, pointed to, and confirmed the opinion of, their being true cephaloma. In this miserable state she endured, the gravity of the symptoms having been greatly increased, pain giving rise to the most intolerable suffering, the features being haggard and pinched, and the skin of a dull ochry colour, debility and emaciation having made rapid progress, and all the functions of the eco-