

was of great interest from its uncommon character, danger, and subsequent good recovery. The particulars are briefly as follows. A single lady, aged 27, consulted me on the 21st October, 1870, with the following history. She had been delicate about the throat for some years, although the general health had always been good. About six months previously, she had suffered from a severe cold, with aphonia for a few days; this was followed by tenderness and subsequent swelling over the right wing of the thyroid cartilage. The former subsided, but the swelling remained permanent, became rather hard, and was sensitive to the touch. About five weeks before I saw her, the swelling again became painful and increased further in size; she applied poultices to it with some relief, and although it did not decrease nor subside, it became quite soft.

On presenting herself to me, a decided prominence was observed in the situation described, with distinct fluctuation, and the skin covering and surrounding it was discoloured of a brown and dark blue, as if from ecchymosis, but in reality not so. There was clearly an abscess present, consequent upon inflammation of the wing of the thyroid cartilage in the first instance; and the indication seemed clear enough to evacuate the matter with the lancet, although the propriety of doing so caused me some reflection; yet, if it were allowed to become chronic, the cartilage would be attacked and serious mischief might ensue. In the laryngeal mirror, the integrity of the larynx was seen to be perfect; and the voice was good, whether in speaking or in attempts to utter contralto notes. With a narrow sharp-pointed bistoury, a puncture was made, and a drachm and a half of pus was evacuated, of a dark blue colour, not quite so dark as Prussian blue, but more of an azure tint. The relief was decided, the swelling subsided a good deal, and bread-and-water poultices were prescribed until her next visit. A chemical examination of the pus yielded clear evidences of the existence of iron, by similar tests to those used in my first case. The patient had taken preparations