

still the cavity, with dullness over upper third of left lung; rhonchus and bronchophany; pulse 120, lower than which it had scarcely been from the first. It was now evident the patient was in great danger from consumption, I therefore ordered cod liver oil to be given three times a day, in doses of a teaspoonful, gradually increased to a tablespoonful.

I may here remark, that in 1852, I had used this remedy in a similar case, which for seven years was under my observation, during which time not less than four distinct cavities had formed, and during the greater part of the time, cod liver oil had been used. Though the case was under my observation, it was not entirely in my hands, for occasionally it would fall into those of some quack promising a speedy cure; and while under the latter treatment, it came to a fatal termination.

But to return: during the next three months, June, July and August, Mrs. J—— steadily improved. As soon as she was able, she took plenty of carriage exercise; and by November 1st, the only traces of her illness were to be found in a slight settling or falling in of the left chest, and a little dullness on percussion, and feebleness of respiration in the diseased side, all the functions were regularly performed. Her complexion was good; her skin soft; and being now more fleshy than ever before, she appeared a round, plump, beautiful woman. She continued in good health until February, 1861, when, having been caught in a storm, she took a severe cold, accompanied with fever and inflammation of the same lung, which lasted for several days. This time the fever was of longer duration, and all the symptoms of greater severity; so severe indeed were they, that for nearly two months death seemed inevitable. The treatment was to a great extent similar to that adopted on the former occasion; at first small doses of calomel and Dovers powder, followed by salines and the application of blisters, and afterwards cough mixtures, of which I found the following to be the most efficacious: a mixture of about ten grains of the sulphate of magnesia, half an oz. of water, five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid, and from the tenth to the twentieth of a grain of the sulphate of morphia—to be taken four or five times each day.

By the beginning of April the inflammatory

symptoms had almost entirely disappeared; the tongue became clean; the pulse, however, continued to average 120; and on applying the ear to the chest, gurgling might be perceived at a little distance from the site of the former cavity. The patient was subject to night sweats, and, notwithstanding every precaution was taken to keep up the strength, became very much emaciated. Again I prescribed cod liver oil, with nourishing diet;—beef-steak, egg-nog, and, as soon as practicable, carriage exercise. At first the improvement was but slow; by degrees it became more perceptible, and by August 1st, to all outward appearance, the patient had entirely recovered. Indeed, were it not for the dullness, which by this time had considerably increased, and the falling-in of the chest, a physician might have passed her as sound and healthy. From this time, although I saw my patient constantly, I had no occasion to do so professionally until August, 1862, when she gave birth to a fine healthy boy. She made a good recovery, and nursed her child until he was a year old, taking porter, &c. In July, 1864, I attended her again in confinement, and again she made a good recovery, nursing her child.

*April, 1866.*—I saw Mrs. J——. She seemed to be suffering from an ordinary bilious attack; the fever lasting from the middle of April to the end of May, when there were evidences of inflammation of the right lung. This was but slight, and yielded without the formation of a distinct cavity, though, for some time, the bronchial expectoration was considerable. The emaciation was very great, with night sweats. Again I had recourse to the cod liver oil, when the recovery was much more rapid than before, and in a few weeks my patient was looking and feeling very well, and able to take a good deal of exercise.

*April, 1867.*—Another attack of bilious fever, and after the first week the lungs again sympathized. The cough became very distressing; there was crepitation over both lungs, and some red blood was expectorated. The cough, accompanied with more or less fever, lasted through the whole of May, June, and July, and now a small cavity formed in the right lung. It was not until November that my patient seemed fairly convalescent. Cod liver oil was again