

In addition to the foregoing remarks, I have only to add that I am of opinion that the Tincture of Iodine is a powerful ectrotic, and the best I am acquainted with, and removes the various itching which is so distressing to the patient.

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[The preceding communication affords conclusive evidence of the efficiency of iodine as a local application in small pox. We could have subscribed our humble testimony of its virtues with great propriety, since for 10 years we have had the privilege of witnessing a very large number of instances in which iodine has been employed. We refrain, however from doing so, because it would be superfluous, as our opinions concerning it are identical with those that have been advanced by some of the most eminent physicians of this city, both military and civilian. We cannot help remarking, however, that the vaccine discovery and the iodine discovery meet upon a common ground, as both are intended to avert the evils of the same disease—the one lessens its mortality, the other its disfigurement—the one simplifies its type, the other ameliorates its symptoms.—Eds.]

ART. XXII.—*Clinical selections.* By WM. WRIGHT, M.D., L.R.C.S.E.,
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I. *Traumatic pneumothorax and emphysema from fractured ribs.*

CASE.

John McCann, while carting manure on Saturday morning, 3rd Sept., 1853, was leading his horse along a narrow street to avoid a hole, when, suddenly, from the animal "outrunning" him, he was jerked against the shaft and forcibly impelled back between it and some adjoining buildings, by which his chest was severely compressed. He felt stifling, very faint, and a sensation as if something had given way in his inside. He was speedily rescued from his perilous situation by some friends, who conveyed him in a cab from the place of the accident, near the jail, to his master's residence in McGill Street. The jolting distressed him greatly, and when he breathed, he distinctly felt his ribs move as if broken. My friend, Dr. R. P. Howard, was sent for and found him cold, almost pulseless, breathing laboriously and in great agony. He remarked that the right side of the chest was emphysematous, and detected fracture of the subjacent ribs. By his advice, a roller was put round the chest, and the man sent to the Montreal General Hospital, where, on admission, he was so low as to require the exhibition of wine. Being in attendance, I saw him shortly afterwards at the visiting hour and observed him raised in bed; suffering under excessive dyspnoea; thoracic and cervical integuments emphysematous; pulse small, weak and frequent, though improved since entrance; skin cool; feeling much prostrated, and