

attending subjective symptoms of Bright's disease, and had complained only of pain at the back of the head for about six weeks, since which time his sight had begun to fail him, had never contracted any disease or been sick before the present attack.

On examination of the right eye with the ophthalmoscope, the pupil dilated with atropine revealed the optic disc injected (hyperæmia), swollen and œdematous, arteries barely perceptible; veins swollen and tortuous, near the papilla optica there was a well defined white deposit or patch, and another still larger near the macula lutea, on the upper and outer side, irregular in shape. From these objective symptoms alone my diagnosis was at once made out, viz., retinitis albuminurica in the acute stage from Bright's disease of the kidneys. An examination of the urine, made subsequently, confirmed the diagnosis, it being heavily charged with albumen. He was put upon treatment. Living far away, I lost sight of the case. The year following, however, I was gratified to learn that he had regained his sight.—*Medical Advance.*

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EXTRACT OF PINUS CANADENSIS.—Dr. J. Marion Sims, in the *Medical Gazette*, says that for many years Mr. Kennedy was engaged in making hemlock extract for tanners' use, which he shipped in large quantities to various parts of the country. The workmen engaged in manufacturing this impure commercial extract accidentally discovered that it was a valuable application in cuts and bruises, and in some cutaneous diseases, and also that it was a valuable remedy in diarrhœa and dysentery. One of his workmen who had experienced the benefits of this crude article in a case of diarrhœa, concluded to try it locally for hæmorrhoids, a disease from which he had suffered ten or twelve years. In five or six days he found himself greatly relieved, and in three months he was wholly cured.

Mr. Kennedy then made an infusion at 150° F., evaporated *in vacuo*, from about 20 degrees (by what the tanners call the barkometer) to 250 degrees, which makes a constant and uniform fluid extract, without the addition of acid or alcohol, and which does not ferment in any climate or any extreme of temperature.