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PHLEGMASIA DOLENS—BUCNEMIA SPARGANOSIS OF
GOOD—PUERPERAL TUMID LEG.

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The controversy on this truly formidable disease, has enlisted the talent of eminent men on this Continent and Europe, from an early date up to the present time. Some affirm it to be an inflammation of the blood; others an obstruction in the iliac arteries and femoral veins; and, in fact, the theories are almost as numerous as cases of the disease. It is not my purpose in this article to follow out the chimeras of any one, or to attempt to delineate the abominable treatment recommended by all ancient or modern authors; which, if not immediately fatal, uniformly lays the foundation for an impaired constitution. It is bleeding and calomel, and calomel and bleeding, leeching, drastic purgations, &c.; and if the patient survives this course of treatment, she need not attribute her recovery to the skill of her physician, but to the strong constitution which God has given her. As to the general symptoms, they are too familiar to need repetition; but my object in this communication is merely to give my own views on the sub-