

On Restrained Action of the Diaphragm in Pericarditis. By Dr. BARLOW.—In some clinical observations, the other day, Dr. Barlow directed the attention of his class to the important indication furnished by the unduly restrained action of the diaphragm in certain cases of thoracic inflammation. He had especially noticed it in pericarditis, and more than once it had helped him to a diagnosis. The subject of pericarditis, anxious to avoid the pain caused by any movement, holds his whole chest as immovable as possible, but especially restrains the actions of the diaphragm. In the case of a boy who was admitted with this affection, it was found that he had tied a broad belt tightly round his body, in order, no doubt, to conduce to this end. Another case, Dr. Barlow stated, had impressed itself upon his memory, in which this system was very well marked, and in which yet no pericardial rubbing sound could be detected. Death took place, and at the autopsy the pericardium was found full of pus, thus accounting for the absence of the friction sound.—*Medical Times and Gazette.*

The Medical Chronicle.

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CLINICAL INSTRUCTION.—The *Edinburgh Monthly Journal* gives the following statement of the requirements of the different Universities and Colleges of Great Britain, as regards the time spent by students in the prosecution of Clinical studies. McGill College requires six months attendance upon lectures on Clinical Surgery, and the same on Clinical Medicine.

“The Edinburgh University, for the degree of M. D., requires *three months* attendance upon lectures on clinical surgery, *six months* upon lectures upon clinical medicine, and *twelve months* attendance in the wards of the Medical Hospital.

The University of Glasgow, for the same degree, requires *twenty-four months* attendance upon a medical hospital, *twenty-four months* upon lectures on clinical medicine, and the same amount of time devoted to attendance upon a surgical hospital, and upon lectures on clinical surgery.

The University of Aberdeen requires *six months* attendance upon lectures on clinical medicine, *three months* clinical surgery, *twenty-four months* in a medical hospital, and the same time in a surgical hospital.