

A young gentleman, aged about twelve, was taken with vomiting early in the morning: the nausea, etc., continuing, his father administered a lobelia *emetic*, which, after having operated, left him with a high fever, headache, soreness in the throat, etc., which increasing very rapidly, I was sent for in the afternoon. Upon examination, and from all the symptoms presenting, I marked it down a severe case of *S. Maligna*, and prescribed accordingly.

Second morning: All the symptoms more aggravated, and others presenting of an alarming character; the pulse small and feeble; the sensorial functions very much disturbed; the eyes dull and inflamed, and an eruption of a purplish or livid hue making its appearance; the tongue dry, and covered with a brownish fur: breath fetid. The fauces presented brown-like-colored sloughs on both the soft palate and tonsils. I was now satisfied that I had a very bad case of *S. Maligna* to treat. I prepared a strong decoction of capsic. an. and myr. cer., and ordered his throat effectually washed with a swab every hour: well bathed with the liniment as in the anginose form; a a plaster of

Ulmus ful. (s. elm)	1 part,
Lob. inf.	1 do.,
Capsic. an.	‡ do.,

mixed in warm water, spread on linen cloth, and kept applied to throat; sinapisms to the feet (not strong enough to vesicate); bowels kept open with enemas; and a tea-spoonful of the *compound tinct. of myrrh*, given alternately with the *fever powders* every hour.

Evening visit: Find the patient still growing worse; none of the symptoms abating. Patient constantly in a kind of delirium and stupor, from which it is impossible to arouse him completely to his senses; his neck is considerably swollen and assumes a dark, livid color; his cheeks, fingers and feet, present the same color; his jaws and tongue so swollen and stiff as to make it almost impossible to get the swab into his throat. Ordered a poultice of the inner bark of the *Prinos verticillatus* (black alder) and *fresh yeast*, kept applied to the throat; and of the compound tincture of lobelia (prepared as follows:

Pul'd Lob. seeds	16 oz.
" Capsic. an.	8 "
" Cypr. pubes. (nervine)	4 "
" Scutil. latifl. (scullcap)	4 "

Comp'd Tinct. Myrrh (No. 6) 1 gal.), one tea-spoonful every ten minutes until *emesis* is produced, after which continue it every half hour until my return, and drink plentifully of strong black alder tea.

Third morning: Think the patient is no worse, perhaps the symptoms less unfavorable: the breathing is more natural and free; still impossible to wash his throat, but the *drops* have the effect of keeping it cleared out, causing him occasionally to throw up; there is less talking and rambling in his sleep; but still a stupor from which it is difficult to arouse him; neck and cheeks not quite so dark and livid, but hands and feet the same. Ordered the poultice continued; and a tea-spoonful of the *drops* continued alternately with the same quantity of the comp. tinct. myrrh every hour.

Evening: Conclude the patient is no worse, but cannot say he is any better—ordered the same treatment continued.

Fourth morning: A manifest difference: patient is better, though by no means out of danger; no delirium, and but little stupor; can open his mouth and let me examine his throat a little, which presents a very red, but not such a dark and tumid appearance; the sloughs are assuming a more healthy color. I am told that he has been much troubled with *tenesmus*, for which I left two powders containing a few grains of pulv. rubh. and cal. magnesia each; give one, and in the course of two hours, if the *tenesmus* continues, give the other. Ordered the wash continued every two hours; and the *tincture* given as before.

Evening: Patient not quite so well; more difficulty in washing his throat; more stupor, and a little delirium. Ordered the *drops* and *tincture* given alternately as before, and drink of the alder tea.

Fifth morning: Patient knows me this morning, without having to be roused up; cannot speak to be easily understood, in consequence of the soreness, etc., in his throat; he is very