

parts of cayenne and bayberry, and one-fourth part lobelia seed) to be taken every half hour. These prescriptions, aided by stimulating enemata three times a day, and warm stones to the feet, sustained a free perspiration until the time of his next ague. The time came, but not so his ague. A very slight chill only was perceptible. However, to make all things sure, I administered another course, and ordered the same intermediate treatment, omitting the pill. At this time, (15 days since,) the man is at his business, and in good health.

A case of intermittent fever occurred near me a few weeks ago, and had the attention of a mineralite; but to no purpose. The patient was then permanently cured by an old negro man, with dog-wood bark (*cornus Florida*) and the common peach leaf, strongly decocted, and freely drank.

Another case of this disorder was treated ineffectually by two mineralites, also near me, and was ultimately cured by strong peach leaf tea, prescribed by a negro woman.

2nd. HOOPING COUGH.—Patients between 8 and 12 years old. They had been sick five weeks. The usual prescriptions had proved unavailing. I gave each of them a course, steaming a long while, then directed expectorants to be used during the next three days, when I visited them again, and gave another course. The injections brought away large quantities of worms. After the second course, the little patients ate freely of a candy made of horehound, comfrey, and el-campane, spiced with cayenne. During the space of 13 days, they all recovered. The mineralites in an adjoining neighborhood have lost several patients with this complaint.

3rd. SORE EYES, OF EIGHTEEN MONTHS STANDING.—Had resisted the purging and blistering of a mineralite during the whole of that time. I directed a poultice of slippery elm, ginger, and lobelia, (pul. herb.) to be applied three times a day, and at each renewal, that the eyes be well washed, first with warm water, then with Thomson's eye water. In ten days the patient was well. Previous to my undertaking the case, the patient had been compelled to wear a thick bandage over the eyes for three or four months, during which time she had not seen the face of any one of her family, and had to be led wherever she went—declaring that she would rather lose her sight, and be stone blind the rest of her life, than suffer the pain she was then enduring. By the use of Thomsonian simples, she yet enjoys her sight, without the infliction of pain.

4th. SCARLET FEVER.—Patient, male: age, 19; constitution much shattered; general health indifferent. I found him entirely pro-

strate; pulse up to 125, and the cutaneous efflorescence in full bloom. The tonsils highly ulcerated, and respiration very difficult.—Cayenne tea, very weak and sweet, was freely given him—say, one quart in two hours. Two copious passages were also made in the same time. The skin, which was before hot and dry, now became moist and soft. A gentle emetic was administered, which produced easy respiration; his nervous irritability was soon quieted by nerve powder, and in four hours he was declared better. Weak composition tea was freely drank, and steaming stones applied to the feet, with gargles of cayenne and bayberry occasionally, soon effected a cure.

In the lists which I keep of the deaths that occur under the mineral practice, within my knowledge, I have between twenty-five and thirty of scarlet fever! Seventeen of them occurred in the practice of one individual!

5th. SCURVY OF THE MOST AGGRAVATED KIND.—To such an extent had it progressed, that the gums had commenced sloughing. The spaces between the teeth were filled out even with the front of the teeth with a calculus substance. The breath of the patient (a lady) could be smelt throughout a large room.—There being evident indications of canker in the system, I gave a course, and prescribed the use of powders made of equal parts of bayberry, cayenne, and finely powdered myrrh. The teeth, gums, and whole inside of the mouth were directed to be washed with warm vinegar, in which was put a teaspoonful of these powders. In the course of two weeks these means effected a perfect cure.

ANASARCA, A SPECIES OF DROPSY.—A case of this disease came under my care not long since. The patient, pale, weak, haggard. *Cause.*—Took opium to cure night sweats and faintness. *Treatment.*—Bathed his feet in hot water, administered warm teas with much cayenne; brown lobelia, followed by the tincture, as the case was obstinate.—*Result.*—Ejected two quarts of fluid, without a particle of food, and with it a mass of highly tenacious slime, like the scrapings of the entrails for stunges, mixed with the white of a hen's egg. The man rolled the mass, the size of a man's fist, up in a newspaper, to carry home to show his friends. He left my dispensary relieved and happy. There are a dozen gentlemen who examined the mass, and can testify to the truth of this statement. It is evident that no mineral medicine could have reached this case. In fact, it had been exhausted, and as a hopeless case, laudanum was substituted, to remove night sweats, weakness, and distress.

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