

of compound powder of jalap to be taken directly, and a draught of three drachms of Bastick's solution of the valerianate of ammonia in infusion of columbo every three hours.

On Nov. 16th he again presented himself at the hospital, when he said that after taking two doses of the medicine the pain was considerably relieved, and that he had no occasion to have recourse to the remedy after the sixth dose. He is now well and free from pain.

*Case 2*—P. B., a married woman, aged 31, admitted same day as the foregoing: has two children. For a number of years she has been subject to attacks of neuralgia, which come on generally about five o'clock of an afternoon and continue with great severity for five hours. The pain seizes her first in the right side behind the ear, extends to the nape of the neck and back of the head, and frequently shoots with great rapidity along to the malar bone, then to the lower jaw; and she is suddenly seized with pain at the region of the heart. She is suffering from aortic valvular disease. At times the pains are so severe that she cannot bear the slightest blast of wind, and is obliged to roll herself on the floor. She was ordered three drachms of the solution of the valerianate of ammonia in infusion of columbo every three hours.

On Nov. 13th she was very much better; has had only three attacks since the 9th. The medicine to be continued.

23rd. Has had no pain since the 18th.

*Case 3*.—R. P., a married woman, aged 42; has had eight children; works as a laundress; has suffered from neuralgia of the fifth pair on the left side for nearly twenty years, and has sought advice at many hospitals with only temporary relief. When the paroxysm is most severe the pain extends to the side of the neck and shoulder; it also causes deafness. She is obliged to go to bed, and cannot take any food, the slightest motion causing intense agony. For ten years back the paroxysms have been more severe and of longer duration. She was admitted under the care of Dr. O'Connor, on the 13th November, whilst in severe agony; had no sleep the previous night; her health is otherwise good; and the teeth perfectly sound. She was ordered four drachms of the solution of valerianate of ammonia, in infusion of calumba, to be taken every three hours; a dose of compound powder of jalap directly.

On the 27th she states that after a few doses of medicine the pain diminished, and on the following day it entirely disappeared.

Jan. 8th, 1862. This woman became an out-patient from an attack of influenza. She states that since the 28th of Nov. she has not had any return of pain.

*Case 4*—L. C., aged 49 a married woman, admitted on the 20th of Nov. She has had nine children; has been for nearly ten years subject to severe attacks of neuralgia of the right side of the face, right eye and the tongue. These paroxysms came on generally at eight o'clock in the morning and four in the afternoon, and as soon as she puts anything into her mouth she describes the pain as insufferable. Her health is otherwise good, and her teeth are all sound. She was ordered a draught composed of four drachms of the solution of valerianate of ammonia, in infusion of valerian, to be taken every two hours, and to be repeated oftener if the pain continues in its severity.

Nov. 30th. She states that since the 27th she has had sound sleep every night, and the paroxysms of pain only come on once a-day, and then of much milder character. The medicine to be taken every six hours.

Dec 14th. Has had no return of pain since the 1st, and now feels quite well.—*Lancet*, Jan. 18, 1862, p. 68; *Braithwaite's Retrospect*.