

in diameter, was found beneath it, lying on the surface of the cord, and adhering so firmly to the latter as to remain firmly attached after the spinal cord had been removed from the canal. There was no softening or other lesion of the cord itself, death having apparently resulted from the pressure of the clot, together with that resulting from the preternatural mobility existing between the adjoining vertebræ.

*Case of Montagru, or Sycosis Menti, cured by local means.*

John McDonald, a Scotch laborer, aged 35, was admitted under Dr. Howard February 5th, with Sycosis Menti, affecting one side of the chin and upper lip.

He has suffered from it for several years, and has been several times cured, but the disease invariably returned in a short time. The treatment, he says, consisted in the internal use of Donovan's solution; with lotions and ointments of various kinds externally.

He is not aware of the manner in which the disease was contracted, but he thinks it was from shaving with a razor which had been previously used by a person laboring under the same disease. He describes it as having first appeared in the form of little pimples or blisters, among the roots of the hair, and these gradually drying up as fresh ones appeared. The pain was often severe, especially when he attempted to shave.

When admitted, the affected part was mostly covered by dry scales, and, on close examination, several pustules could be seen, each having in its centre a hair, which latter could be removed by the slightest force and with scarcely any pain.

The disease being looked upon as chiefly, if not entirely, of a local nature, and cases of the same kind having been successfully treated on former occasions by means of a lotion of Donovan's solution diluted with water, it was resolved to try the effect of the same plan of treatment in this case. Accordingly, after a poultice had been kept upon the part for a day or two to separate the crusts, a lotion was applied by means of lint and oiled silk, consisting of 1 part of Donovan's solution diluted with 15 of water. An occasional black draught was also ordered for the purpose of keeping the bowels gently open.

Feb. 14.—Lotion causes considerable smarting when first applied but the pain is by no means excessive. The strength of it to be increased to 1 part in 12.

26th.—The part is much improved in appearance, the pustules are much fewer in number, and chiefly confined to the margins of the affected part. He complains of considerable smarting and irritation from the lotion. A poultice to be applied till the irritation subsides.

28th.—The lotion was re-applied, and in addition, he was directed to extract all the diseased hairs with a pair of forceps, a feat easily accomplished, the hairs requiring removal being more or less loosened by the disease at their roots.

March 20th.—He has continued to improve steadily since last report, and the chin is now in a better condition than at any time since the disease made its appearance, in fact the only vestiges of its existence are the absence of the beard from the part affected, and slight thickening and induration of the integuments.