

potatoes and vinegar among the prisoners of war, in the late civil war in the United States.

Dr. Mack had given in dyscrasia of a malarious origin lime juice and quinine with marked benefit.

Wednesday, July 3rd, 1872.

Dr. Mack desired to lay before the Society a preparation of mercury, obtained by acting upon the precipitate by albumen, from a solution of bi-chloride of mercury, with a solution of pepsin; the reaction with sulphuretted hydrogen, plainly showed the presence of the mercurial compound.

Dr. Mack had prescribed it with benefit in a few cases, but could not say any more than to invite the attention of the gentlemen present to the mixture, and to request a trial for it.

Dr. Sullivan reported a case of cerebro-spinal meningitis successfully treated by calomel and quinine.

Dr. Goodman alluded to a case now under treatment in the General and Marine Hospital, apparently of typhoid fever, with a train of peculiar symptoms referable to periodical congestion of the spinal meninges. Inhalation of chloroform had in a very marked manner succeeded in relieving the neuralgia and spasmodic affection, attendant upon the exacerbations. This occurred after the total failure of narcotic and other measures to allay pain and procure sleep.

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### "BARLEY ITCH."

A young farmer in the Township of Kingston consulted me about a curious affection, to which he gave the name *Barley Itch*. Ever since he can remember it has been impossible for him to engage in harvesting or threshing barley without being covered with a very annoying eruption, being more annoying when sweating at work, or warm in bed. He feels more or less of it even after passing a field of ripening barley. Every Autumn he loses flesh wonderfully, this itch for about six weeks keeping him awake a good part of the night. The eruption seems to be more of the character of acne than anything else, but will yield, in point of irritability, to nothing that he has used and the remedies tried have been almost numberless. I have seen him but once—about ten days ago—but as the affection was new to me I thought I would ask your readers if they could give me any information on the subject.

M. D.

KINGSTON, Nov. 13th, 1872.