

of tuberculosis, would be in danger of being put in question. However true this may be, the bad results that pursued me for so long in this business, if I am certain of my position, seem to have brightened up a little—appear to have turned in my favor at last. Formerly, that is previous to my treatment of the two little sufferers I am about to describe, the iodide of potassium (sometimes with a little simple bitter, and often without) formed the basis of my practice, but with terminations I have no special pride in relating. These two, although not occurring at the same time or in the same year, in fact, were treated precisely alike, and, to be fair, so far as I know, had no hereditary tendencies to consumption or evinced any symptoms that would point to deposits of tubercular matter elsewhere.

I had seen, heard or read somewhere that a cap or pouch, if you will excuse the word, made sufficiently large to cover the scalp and soaked or saturated with glycerine containing a generous dash of the tincture of iodine, promised advantages that were not to be despised or flippantly rejected. The cap was duly made, freely soaked or filled with the glycerine and iodine, applied to the scalp, and, with occasional renewals, kept in position for days. Internally the iodide of potassium was not, of course, left in the background, and, under it all, the children, not long after, began to mend, and *continued* to mend until relieved.

So far as the animal functions are concerned at least, the last time that I saw the children both had the appearance of perfect health; at the same time a close observer would, I think, be able to detect in the expression of their faces and eyes the fact that at some time or other there had been something wrong with their little brains.

All things considered, then, there is nothing to rule the treatment they received either impossible or impractical, but the question naturally arises: are their mental faculties liable to be weakened if they live to adult life, as they now bid fair to do?—May we expect a return of the complaint in some other form or place?

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I remember, on a certain occasion, passing a whole