

the benefit, unalloyed with any mixture of evil. I gave a third powder somewhat larger than the former, when the relief was complete.

It may be too marvellous to be credited, nevertheless it is perfectly true, that this alarming illness was cured by these three doses without any other remedy, except a gentle laxative a few days afterwards.

ROBERT CAMPBELL.

East Zorra, C. W., 1st March, 1859.

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## REVIEWS.

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ARTICLE XXX.—*A case of Aneurism of the Right Femoral Artery, cured by Digital Compression*; with remarks, and a statistical report of 22 other cases, treated by this method. By SAMUEL W. GROSS, M. D., chief of the Surgical Clinic of the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. *Philadelphia*: J. B. Lippincott & Co. 1859. From the Author.

Dr. Gross here presents the reader with the narrative of an interesting case of Aneurism occurring in Scarpa's triangle, which he very successfully cured by compression, exercised by the fingers of himself and several assistants. This style of compression has in his words the following advantages over the same method when conducted by the assistance of mechanical contrivances, as the instrument of Carle, &c.; "it is quicker and less painful, it can be regulated better, and in some situation can be made to act upon the artery alone; it is applicable when apparatus is not, and in cases in which mechanical contrivances cannot be borne it can be used to excite a tolerance of the skin previous to their employment."

The total amount of time expended in the treatment in Dr. Gross's case was 45 hours and 55 minutes. The compression was steadily maintained for 41½ hours from its inception, it was then intermitted for about 17 hours or a little more, and upon being resumed was continued 14 hours and 35 minutes longer. It was so applied as to prevent the blood from entering the tumor, with the exception of two hours during which a slight current was permitted to flow through its interior. The case was perfect, the issue most satisfactory. Dr. Gross, with much industry, has collected the histories of the various cases, which up to the time of the occurrence of his own, have been recorded. They number in all 22, and he has given a brief analysis of the leading features of each, which he appends for the information of the reader. The details also are interspersed with various explanatory observations tending to enrich materi-