

mortem, but little hæmorrhage was found, and that only superficial.

There was no reason to suppose that the injury in the first case was anything but the result of a clumsy "upper cut" given by a man unaware of his own strength, but it well illustrates the danger of such a blow, and by how much the more dangerous when given with skill and deadly intent.

Selected Article.

BLISTERS IN PNEUMONIA.*

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When I announce my subject to be "The Use of the Blister in Pneumonia," I feel that, at once, you regard me as an unqualified crank; or, at least, a Rip Van Winkle of no recent type.

That I came from, or near the mountains, is true; and that I champion a remedy almost as old as the hills, is equally true; and still it is a conviction, on my part, that my medical brethren are allowing a most valuable remedy to lie idle; that brings me to the front to claim for a short time your kind consideration and attention.

There can be no doubt that the Cautidal Blister was in general use in the profession one hundred years ago, and to-day it is used only by a few *moss grown* individuals like myself. This, to many minds, is *prima facie* evidence that, being "no good," as a remedial agent, it has been consigned by the profession to oblivion. I deny this impeachment, and, as an example to the contrary, I would point out the to-day fashionable cold water treatment of Brand. This was no new treatment one hundred years ago, for James Currie (a friend of Burns and editor of his poems) wrote his medical reports on the effect of water, cold and warm, as a remedy in fevers and other diseases. Vincent Priessnitz, the founder of hydropathy, was a German, and, though not a doctor, is said to have treated three thousand patients in two years, and only lost two cases. Yet, after cold water had been tried for many years by the profession, it was laid aside, to be brought to the front again by Brand; and is so popular to-day that I think some of the younger members

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