

pain across the lower part of the abdomen, which amounts almost to tormina, if she has taken anything difficult of digestion. There is often an uneasy sensation in the lower part of the spine; and she complains of pain and weakness of the limbs in walking. She seems to walk with difficulty across the room. Pulse 82; tongue furred; bowels constipated; Catamenia have always been regular.

For these complaints she has taken much medicine; has been blistered on the epigastrium, and at the part of the chest where the pain was most severe. But no attention has been given to the spine.

On examining the spine, acute pain, and tenderness on pressure, are manifested along its whole course, but more particularly about the lower portion of the dorsal vertebræ, where pressure in the intervertebral spaces causes her to shriek.

Counter-irritation was applied to the lower portion of the dorsal vertebræ, where the pain was most severe on pressure. She took purgatives, and small doses of preparations of iron, and was ordered to retain the horizontal posture. Shortly after the application of the counter-irritation, she considered herself worse; the pains of the abdomen and limbs increased, &c. But in the course of several days the symptoms began to improve, and in a few weeks she was decidedly better, and had more power and energy in the movement of her limbs. Counter-irritation was then applied along the upper portion of the spine, and the other remedies were continued, and succeeded by still greater relief. The nausea and vomiting abated; the pains of the chest and weakness of the arms were removed; her strength increased; and in a few months she expressed herself well and in good health.

CASE 9.—A young girl aged 10 years. This patient fell down suddenly in a state of insensibility, from which she could not be aroused for some time. On coming out of this state, she appeared wild and delirious, talking incoherently, and was unable to give a proper description of her feelings. She seemed weak and anæmic, with a quick excitable pulse, and furred tongue; and her parents stated that she had felt delicate for a considerable period. On examining the spine, much sensibility was evinced on pressure being applied to the upper part of the dorsal vertebræ. She shrieked and complained of pain. A blister was applied to this part of the spine, and a dose of purgative medicine exhibited; and next day she was much improved, calm, and collected. She stated that she had of late been liable to giddiness in walking, that she felt acute pains in her side and chest, and weakness in her limbs, that her appetite was bad, and she perspired on very slight exertion. Preparations of iron were exhibited, and her bowels kept free by aperient medicine; and in a few days she was perfectly well.

This is a case in which the symptoms might very readily have