

"Dr. Murphy says mercury produces dysentery and ulceration of the intestines."—(Med. Chir. Rev. Oct. 1839, p. 480.)

"Dr. Colles observes—During this critical period (salivation) the patient is liable to attacks of griping, frequent desire to go to stool, and tenesmus; these efforts are attended with only slight evacuations, which chiefly consist of mucus tinged with blood; sickness of stomach and vomiting also supervene, the skin is hot, and the pulse quick. All of which phenomena are explained by the fact, that the specific influence of the mercury has taken effect upon the alimentary canal, instead of the salivary system. This dysenteric affection so generally appears at this period that the patient should be forewarned and prepared for it."—(Med. Chir. Rev. Jan. 1838, p. 76.)

Mercury is considered a specific in diseases of the liver.

"It cannot be denied that the immoderate use of mercury has been productive of liver disease. The late Mr. Hewson pointed out this to those who visited the Lock Hospital while under his care. At this period it was the custom to salivate every patient, and keep him under the full mercurial influence for a month or two, and it frequently happened that, just as the mercurial course was finished, the patient got disease and enlargement of the liver."—(Prof. Grave's Clinical Lectures, Med. Gazette, vol. xix. p. 452.)

Mercury is often given with advantage in acute and chronic inflammation.

"Dr. Murphy observes—'The tendency of fibrous structure to disease after a mercurial course is well exemplified by rheumatism.' This effect of mercury is now so well known that it has re-

ceived a distinct appellation—mercurial rheumatism."—(Med. Chir. Rev. Oct. 1839, p. 483.)

"Mercury given without caution often produces the same symptoms as rheumatism."—(Cooper's Surg. Dic., 5th edit., p. 1204.)

**TARTAR EMETIC.**—The administration of tartar emetic in pneumonia, a practice introduced by Rasori, has been employed with great success.

"After the administration of tartar emetic, the lungs are found more or less inflamed."—(Beck. Med. Juris., p. 788, edit. 6.)

"Orfila writes—Independently of the inflammation, more or less intense, of the parts to which the tartar emetic is in contact, this poison causes also phlogosis of the lungs and digestive canal."—(Traite de Medicine Legale, 3rd edit. tom. 3., p. 218.)

**ARSENIC.**—Dr. Rush, in speaking of Dr. Martin's specific, which was chiefly composed of arsenic, says—In several cancerous ulcers the cures he performed were complete. In Cooper's Surg. Dict. (5th edit. p. 284), we find that Instamond thought arsenic a specific for cancers. It unquestionably cures numerous ill-looking sores on the face, lips, and tongue, and is one of the best remedies in lupus.

"Dr. Paris states that the influence of the arsenical fumes is very apparent in the condition both of the animals and vegetables in the vicinity. It deserves notice, that the smelters are occasionally affected with cancerous disease of the scrotum, similar to that which affects chimney-sweeps."—(Pharmacology, 7th edit., vol. ii. p. 96.)

**CINCHONA.**—Cinchona bark, and its preparations, are admitted by all to be