

joint, its strength is materially diminished. He can move about the ward, tho' slowly, without the aid of crutch or cane.

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*Case of Molluscum.* Reported by Mr. Bowman.

William Atkins, a single and a temperate man, aged 32 years, was admitted into the Montreal General Hospital by Dr. MacCallum, 20th February, 1858. Was born in Litchfield, Staffordshire, England, of phthisical parents, his mother dying of disease of the lungs when he was 6 years of age; his father at a later period, of a like disease, after the debility caused by three months' confinement from dislocation of the ankle joint. He has a brother (35 years old) living, who has been troubled many years with a running sore on one of his legs.

William Atkins was nursed by his own mother, after whose death he was sent to the poor-house, where he remained for six years, at which time he was bound to a harness furniture coverer. Here he received much hard treatment, being compelled to lie on the bare floor and to live on hard, irregular and scanty fare for a period of 14 years. The long-continued stooping posture, from 6 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock at night, endured by him during this period, he thinks has ruined his constitution.

After six months spent in assisting a gas-utter who kept very irregular hours, he has since worked in machine shops, being employed in drilling bolt-nuts, &c., at which trade he has been engaged in the workshops of the Grand Trunk Railway Co. at Longueuil for the last seventeen months. The work is not laborious, but the situation is close and confined, and during the winter is situated near a very large and hot stove, which could not be prevented on account of the drilling machine at which he worked. He has very frequently caught colds from throwing off his coat when very warm. On exertion he does not sweat like other persons; it never breaks out on the face and but slightly on the body, but a burning heat is felt which greatly distresses him: this has been the case since as long ago as he can recollect. The heat of summer, he thinks, enfeebles him much more than other persons, and the cold of winter renders him more chilly. The colour and temperature of skin is normal. He is short-winded on running, and when much excited is subject to palpitation of the heart, but this has been hitherto but seldom.

His appetite has always been very good, but from his childhood up to the present a small quantity of food has satisfied him, which he has ever preferred to be of a salt nature. Fats or fatty food do not agree with him.