

Hymen, which was about two lines thick. A few expulsive pains brought forth a well-formed living infant, at its full time.

I endeavoured to get some particulars relating to this patient's former state of health, but she and her husband were both so shy about it, that I could only learn that she had consulted several physicians about her declining health after marriage, but concealed the fact from them, of his inability to effect a *vaginal entrance*, imagining it was owing to some defect in his own formation.—However, the midwife was more successful than I was. She ascertained that, previous to marriage, at her catamenial periods, she suffered almost as much pain as at her confinement; that there was merely a slight moisture externally; that there was swelling and tension at this time in the abdomen, which usually subsided in about a fortnight. Since her marriage,—to use the patient's own graphic and *feeling* words,—she never *knuc* her husband, until her accouchement

ART. XVII.—*A case of Psoriasis palmaris et Scroti*. By HENRY GOING, L.R.C.S.I. London, C.W.: 1851.

DR. King's case of psoriasis inveterata, published in the last number of your journal, brings to my recollection a most intractable form of psoriasis palmaris et scroti, occurring in a young man of excellent constitution; the disease continued for eight or ten years, notwithstanding the most active treatment. Plummer's pill, with Dover's powder, iodide of potassium, with sarsaparilla and iodine; Donovan's solution of arsenic, iodine and mercury, &c, were successively and repeatedly tried: local applications being also resorted to, such as citrine ointment, preparations containing creasote, ioduret of sulphur ointment, &c., &c., without the slightest benefit being obtained. The disease was completely cured, about two years ago, without any relapse occurring, by the administration of two grains of blue pill and one-third of a grain of iodine, three times a day for three or four weeks, without producing ptyalism, no local application being resorted to.

In this case, Donovan's compound arsenical solution completely failed, although pushed as far as was consistent with safety. What peculiar action the blue pill and iodine, *in conjunction*, could have exerted over the constitution, I am at a loss to determine, where Plummer's pill, given at night, and iodine with iodide of potassium by day, for a length of time, failed to produce even the slightest temporary benefit.