

large quantities at a time; the food should be sparingly given, and of a poorer quality than usual, and should be rather succulent and laxative, than dry or apt to produce costiveness; bleeding may be employed either generally from a vein, or in some cases, when it can be done, by cupping from the hurt part, as in the case of a bruise (though this last will seldom be requisite or found convenient,) and it may be done more than once or twice, as may seem proper; laxative medicines also ought to be given and repeated, as there may be occasion.

ABSCESS.

These are swellings containing matter, that make their appearance in different parts of the body. The remedies are, first, to bleed, then to wash the swollen part with a quart of vinegar, in which are dissolved two ounces of sal ammoniac, and half an ounce of sugar of lead. If the swelling does not abate in two or three days, apply the suppurating poultice. When the tumor becomes soft and points, open it with a lancet, and let out the matter. Then dress it with basilicon ointment.