

for change of air into the country, and when I saw him, about a fortnight afterwards, the wound of the neck was nearly healed.—*Medico-Chirurgical Transactions, vol. xxvi.*

ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF COCHINEAL IN THE TREATMENT OF HOOPING COUGH.

DR. CAJETAN WACHTL, of Vienna, treated nine children, suffering from hooping-cough, with cochineal, as recommended by certain English physicians. The remedy was administered in all stages of the disease; and its efficacy was so instantaneous and constant that, notwithstanding the paucity of cases, Dr. Wachtl feels authorized to regard cochineal as a specific in hooping-cough. The following is his manner of exhibiting the remedy:—Take of cochineal, one scruple; sugar, one ounce.—Dissolve in six ounces of warm water. The dose is three tea-spoons-full in the twenty-four hours.

The solution ought not to be kept longer than thirty-six or forty-eight hours, because after that time it assumes a brown hue, and a sour taste, which renders it unfit for use.—*Pharmaceutical Journal.—London Medical Gazette, January 26, 1844.*

OPIUM IN HERNIA.

*To the Editor of the Medical Gazette.*

SIR,—The following is a case showing the good effects of opium in strangulated hernia.

I was sent for, at 10 P. M. on the 24th inst. to visit R. H. aged 45, a stout, muscular man, suffering under strangulated scrotal hernia in the right side. He had been trying for an hour to reduce it, having done so frequently before, but now he informed me it was a great deal larger. He was vomiting, and complained on the least pressure. In consequence of the extreme tenderness, I did not persevere in the taxis, but decided on putting him under the influence of opium. I gave him two grains every fifteen minutes, until he had taken six grains, and to use hot fomentations. Shortly after the first pill the vomiting ceased; and when I visited him again at half-past 12 P. M. I found them preparing to come and stop my visit, as he had got relief. I found him, as he said, exceedingly comfortable: it was quite evident he was enjoying all the luxury of an opium eater. Upon inquiry, he told me he had not touched the swelling, but that it had gone away of its own accord.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Newcastle-on-tyne, January 1, 1844.

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