

the usual time he was laid out on a board, according to the practice of the country ; and the neighbors were invited to attend his funeral on the next day. In the evening his physician and friend returned from a ride into the country, and was afflicted beyond measure at the news of his death. He could not be persuaded that it was certain; and, on being told that one of the persons who had assisted in laying out the body thought he had observed a little tremor of the flesh under the arm, although the body was cold and stiff, he endeavored to ascertain the fact. He first put his hand into warm water, to make it as sensible as possible; and then felt under the arm, and at the heart; and affirmed that he felt an unusual warmth, though no one else could. He had the body restored to a warm bed, and insisted that the people who had been invited to the funeral should be requested not to attend. To this the brother objected as absurd, the eyes being sunk, the lips discolored, and the whole body cold and stiff. However, the doctor finally prevailed, and all probable means were used to discover symptoms of returning life. The third day arrived, and no hopes were entertained of success but by the doctor, who never left him either day or night. The people were invited again, and assembled to attend the funeral. The doctor still objected, and at last confined his request for delay to one hour, and then to half an hour, and finally to a quarter of an hour. He had discovered that the tongue was much swollen, and threatened to crack. He was endeavoring to soften it by some emollient ointment, put upon it with a feather, when the brother came in about the expiration of the last period; and mistaking what the doctor was doing for an attempt to feed him, manifested some resentment, and said in a spirited tone, "It is shameful to feed a lifeless corpse," and insisted with earnestness that the funeral should immediately proceed. At this critical and important moment, the body, to the great alarm and astonishment of all present, opened its eyes, gave a dreadful groan, and sunk again into apparent death. This of course put an end to all thoughts of burying him, and every effort was again employed in hopes of bringing about a speedy resuscitation. In about an hour the eyes again opened,