

A case of *ankylosis* in the knee joint, the consequence of external injury and subsequent abscesses, was cured by Mr. J. Boyle, by the use of moxa daily, and the application of steam. He also made use of an instrument which he calls *genu rector*, and which is described in his treatise on Moxa.

In the year 1821, a boy fourteen years of age, had complained from childhood of palpitation, (there was continually more throbbing than natural) the pulse small, quick and intermitting, and not corresponding with the throbbing of the heart, but the same at both wrists. In the month of September, Mr. Wm. Thomas warned the parents of the danger of sudden death; and on the 11th of February 1825, while exerting himself by walking pretty smartly, the child called one of his companions to feel his heart, when he instantly dropped down, and expired without uttering a groan. The heart was double the natural size, the large vessels much enlarged, there was an irregular opening (evidently a rupture) leading out of the right auricle, about three-eighths of an inch long, through which dark-coloured blood has escaped in the pericardium; the sides of this auricle were quite flabby, and giving way to pressure, but the parietes of the ventricles were rather thicker than natural. All other contents of the chest were healthy.

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Hydrophobia.—Dr. Fayermann, of Norwich, cured a case of hydrophobia by the use of Goulard's extract of lead at the dose of 20 to 40 drops every three or six hours, which occasioned a palsy of the lower extremities, but this was perfectly cured in a few months after the disappearance of the hydrophobic symptoms.

Colchicum in the Gout.—Dr. Charles Scudamore of London, has recently published a work on gout and asserts as the result of an extensive practice, that the *Colchicum Autumnale* is yet the best and safest remedy ever used for that complaint, taken in the dose of about a drachm every morning with magnesia.

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Elm Bark.—Mr. Jeffreys, Surgeon to the Lock Hospital, and to St. George's and St. James's Dispensary, has published several cases of pseudo-syphilitic affections, and constitutional ulceration &c., in which a compound decoction of the