

the most scientific treatment for periods varying from three to four weeks. Was admitted into the General Protestant Hospital, January 20th, 1862, ankle and knee joints much swollen, red and painful. This redness, however, was the result of a popular remedy called "*Pain Killer*," which was previously applied by the patient himself. The right wrist and elbow joint were swollen and painful; tongue coated with a white fur, bowels regular, urine scanty, high coloured and abounding in lithates; pulse 95 and full; complete inability to turn in bed or even elevate the body without assistance. Heart's sounds normal. Ordered hop fomentations to the most painful joints. Also

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Capiat cochl. amp. quaque tertia hora, and ℞. Pulv. Ipecac. Co. gr. x. h.s.s.

From this date there was a gradual subsidence of the inflammatory symptoms, and a return to healthy action throughout, so much so that on the 27th January the patient left the Hospital feeling well and entirely free from pain, with perfect motion of his limbs.

CASE VI.—Mr. Kerr, æt. 25 years, formerly a resident of Montreal, dark complexion, short stature, thin but active, and with the exception of rheumatic attacks, is accustomed to enjoy a tolerable share of health. From a boy of six years, has suffered every few years from severe rheumatic attacks, continuing in the acute stage five or six weeks upon an average, and frequently protracted in the sub-acute form, for a period of four or five months.

March 13th.—Was seized with a severe pain in the ankles and feet, associated with considerable heat, swelling, and the various constitutional symptoms indicative of the inflammatory process. After a few days the various joints participated in this action; perspiration not very profuse, but very acid and characterized by the peculiar odor; urine abounding in lithates, pulse 106, full and forcible. Heart's sounds regular and free from murmur. ℞. Morph. Acet. gr. ss. h.s.s. Also every three hours during the day the usual mixture.

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Diet, gruel, arrow-root and milk.

14th. Slept well; ankle joints less painful; wrists more swollen and painful; urine increased but high coloured; bowels relaxed; tongue still coated; perspiration not so copious. To continue mixture.

17th. From this date he continued gradually to improve, experiencing the most marked subsidence of the swelling and freedom from pain in the joints, which during previous attacks was described as of the most excruciating character.

22nd. Nine days from the administration of the mixture, he was up and about, enjoying perfect freedom of motion in the limbs. However, to guard against a relapse, more quietude was enjoined; and at present he is enabled to enjoy the "good things of life" as usual.

I might cite various such cases in corroboration of the marked influence which this material exerts over the "*materies morbi*" of Rheumatism, which in my opinion appears to be eliminated in a great measure through the kidneys; no