

abated. Though still in a great degree unconscious she was calmer; pulse weak and rapid. On the following morning I was summoned to see her and told that she appeared to be dying. I found her in a state bordering on collapse. Beat of the heart and pulse almost imperceptible. General surface, but especially the lower limbs, cold; voice weak. Hot wine was plied liberally during the day in addition to strong beef tea, and quinine and phosphoric acid were substituted for the bromide. Towards evening she rallied. On the morning of the 28th she complained of severe pain in the right foot, on examination it was found cold, and three or four pale purplish patches of small size were remarked on the toes and dorsum and attributed to bruises received during her struggles. There was no swelling or œdema. The purplish patches gradually coalesced, became darker in colour and ended in perfect dry gangrene of the foot, which retaining its shape became as hard and dry as horn. The subcutaneous veins of a darker colour than the surrounding parts could be distinctly traced as small hard cords. The dry gangrene extended above the ankle joint and merged into an ordinary slough at the line of demarcation which formed irregularly a little above the middle of the leg. The process occupied several weeks, during which the patient remained constantly insane, talking in a most incoherent manner for hours together, then breaking into snatches of song; sometimes tractable, at others fierce, and controlled with difficulty, attempting to tear and destroy everything within her reach; no lucid interval; no convulsion. Ordinarily there was no fever but at times there was a slight flush and temporary increase of temperature. Pulse always extremely weak and rapid, ranging from 120 to 140. Pupils natural. Muscular strength remarkable, considering the state of the circulation. Urine free from albumen. Fæces and urine passed in bed without notice. No menstrual discharge since the first week of her illness. Appetite capricious; bowels irregular; wakefulness. Towards the middle of December