

red, respiration quick and painful; tongue covered with a dirty white fur, moist, but accompanied by great thirst. Abdomen extremely painful, distended, could only lie on his back with his legs drawn up; all motion cry painful; pulse 120, small, hard, and incompressible; urine scanty and high coloured, no stool since early the previous day.

Was bled to about 24 oz: rather faint; abdomen less tender; to prevent reaction, 10 grs. calomel. Large emollient poultice over the abdomen, on feeling which, I discovered another wound midway between the first and the spine, with much distension of the part. He made no complaint about it, "because it did not pain him much," received it at the same time, as well as a violent blow, from some blunt instrument.

9 P.M. Return of all the violent symptoms; no evacuation of the bowels. Bled about 22 oz., incipient syncope; feels much relieved, cal. 5 grs. aperient and demulcent drinks; has vomited during the afternoon. Ordered a table-spoonful of castor oil every two or three hours, till there is a motion, also enemas of bran tea with oil.

19th, 7 A.M. Passed an indifferent night; abdomen extremely painful, distended. Took about 7 oz. blood, felt faint; thinks he shall soon have a passage, and that he will be well shortly. Several copious and foetid stools were had an hour afterwards, with much flatus; to continue the calomel, two grains every two hours; aperients and demulcents, &c.

12 Noon. Better; less fever, but the belly painful and distended; always in the same position. Saw him frequently in the afternoon; vomited three or four times, approaching collapse; slight hiccough; ordered mild diffusible stimulants. 10 P.M. Weaker still; cold clammy sweats, hiccough; opium and hyosciamus, camphor, &c.

20th, 7 A.M. Passed a bad night; very weak, cold clammy sweats; countenance much sunken; says he is better; hiccough; stimulants, broth, &c., sinking; all the symptoms of dissolution, progressing; died 1 P.M. 21st.

haute sensibilité, les symptômes sont plus violens."—*Dict. Scien. Méd.*, v. 40, p. 502 *et seq.*

"Des péritonites suraiguës terminent d'une manière funeste en 24 ou 48 heures. De toutes les phlegmasies, dit Pinel, celles des membranes sereuses, parcourent le plus rapidement leur périodes."—*Ibid.*, v. 41, p. 430.

"In Peritonitis, fever, headache; constriction of the epigastric region, frequent hard concentrated pulse; heat, pain, and tenderness of the abdomen. The patient lies constantly upon his back, knees drawn up, respiration frequent. The course of acute Peritonitis is generally rapid and marked by a progressive increase of all the symptoms, features concentrated, covered with a cold sweat. The approach of death marked by cessation of pain, cold clammy sweats, &c. *Cyp. Pract. Méd.*, v. 3, p. 292 *et seq.*

"In acute Peritonitis, pulse quick and frequent, urine scanty and high-coloured, considerable thirst, fever, pain and heat in the abdomen. In the course of 24 hours the tenderness is such, that even the weight of the bed clothes becomes intolerable, pulse rises to 120 or 130, tongue covered with mucus, great thirst, tension and swelling of the abdomen; patient remains motionless on his back, knees elevated, also singultus, nausea and vomiting. Previous to death the pain suddenly ceases, pulse sinks, very rapid, the countenance collapses, with cold clammy sweats."—*Good*, vol. 1, p. 504.

"The patient finds much relief by lying on his back, with his knees drawn up, pulse from 120 to 130, tongue moist but great thirst, vomiting, &c."—*Craigie*, vol. 2, p. 171.

"Headache, and sense of tightness around the stomach; the belly becomes painful to the slightest pressure, the patient finds much relief by lying on his back, with his knees drawn up. The hypochondria distended. Hiccough, nausea, vomiting; great anxiety, hurried respiration, &c."—*Dewees*, page 554.

I shall now give the *Post Mortem* appearances in the above;