

Potass issues were applied at that portion of the lumbar vertebræ where the pain on pressure was most acute. Powders, consisting of a preparation of iron, were exhibited internally; and he was recommended to retain the horizontal posture as much as possible, and to take a croton oil pill occasionally. In a few days he stated that he felt himself better than he had been for several months; that he had regained complete power over the function of the bladder; that the strength and energy of his limbs were improving; and in a few weeks he felt so well as to engage in a very active occupation.

CASE 7.—J. P., a man aged 45. Has for these last twelve months felt considerable pain and weakness in the lower part of his back, during which period the state of his health has been much impaired, being easily fatigued, and liable to perspire on slight exertion. The complaint of his back has increased of late, rendering him unable to undergo fatigue, as the pain is always worse with exercise, and easiest whilst he remains at rest in the horizontal posture. He has also a constant painful sensation in the lower part of the abdomen, immediately above the pubis, with difficulty in micturition—a complaint which distresses him much. He states that he has less energy than formerly in moving his limbs, which is particularly evident in descending a declivity, when his knees, as he expresses it, nearly bend under him. Acute pains are felt extending down the thighs, and his legs occasionally start up when at rest. Pulse 80; tongue furred, and appetite weak.

On examining the cervical and dorsal portion of the spine, he does not complain of pain. But tenderness is felt on pressure at the intervertebral spaces of the lower portion of the lumbar vertebræ.

At the place now mentioned a potass issue was applied, and he was recommended to assume the horizontal posture, and to take tonics of columba, &c. In the course of a few days he was decidedly improved in health, had greater power and freedom in passing his urine, and felt stronger and more vigorous in his limbs; and in about two months, was so far restored to health, as to engage in the duties of an active occupation.

CASE 8.—J. C., a young woman, aged 26. Nearly four years since, she felt her health beginning to decline, became weak, languid, and more easily fatigued than usual. Shortly after the commencement of these complaints, she was attacked with headaches and giddiness, which affected her walking, rendering her sometimes liable to fall, or to seize hold of an object. She had also acute pains in the arms, with a sort of prickly sensation in the fingers. These complaints have continued more or less since the commencement of her illness, without being much benefitted by the remedies employed for their removal. At present she suffers greatly from irritation of stomach, nausea, and vomiting of food.—Is liable to giddiness and dimness of vision; and has often severe