

rational; asks who is foreman in his pit; hæmorrhage internally continues slightly; has not vomited since 12 p.m. 15th, 9 a.m. Has slept well half the night; sees objects indistinctly with the left eye when the lids are separated; hæmorrhage has ceased; pulse 75. Eight p.m. Restless and delirious; talks much, but disconnected and incoherent; pulse 84 and full; prescribed vin. colchicum, f5ss. every six hours, until it purges him; removed the night-cap. 16th, eight a.m. Patient appears more quiet; pulse 70; dressed the wounds, which in the head have a fœtid sero-purulent discharge, with particles of brain intermingled; no discharge from bowels. Ordered sulph. mag. ʒj. repeated every four hours until it operates; ice-water to the head and eye. A fungus appears at the external canthus of the left eye; says 'the left side of his head is banked up.' 17th, eight a.m. Pulse 84; purged freely; rational, and knows his friends; discharge from the brain profuse, very fœtid and sanious; wounds in face healing. 18th, nine a.m. Slept well all night, and lies upon his right side; pulse 72; tongue red and dry; breath fœtid; removed the dressings and passed a probe to the base of the cranium, without giving pain. Ordered a cathartic, which operated freely; cold to the head. Patient says he shall recover; he is delirious, with lucid intervals. 19th, 8 p.m. Has been very restless during the day; skin hot and dry; tongue red; excessive thirst; delirious, talking incoherently with himself, and directing his men. 20th and 21st Has remained much the same. 22d, 8 a.m. Patient has had a very restless night; throws his hands and feet about, and tries to get out of bed; head hot; says 'he shall not live long so.' Ordered a cathartic of calomel and rhubarb, to be followed by castor oil, if it does not operate in six hours. Four p.m., purged freely twice, and inclines to sleep. 23d. Rested well most of the night, and appears stronger and more rational; pulse 80; shaved the scalp a second time, and brought the edges of the wound in position, the previous edges having sloughed away; discharge less in quantity and less fœtid; loss of vision of left eye. From this time until the 3d of October, he lay in a semi-comatose state, seldom speaking unless spoken to, and then answering only in monosyllables. During this pe-

riod, fungi started from the brain, and increased rapidly from the orbit. To these was applied nitrate of silver cryst., and cold to the head generally. The dressings were renewed three times in every twenty-four hours; and in addition to this, laxatives, combined with an occasional dose of calomel, constituted the treatment. The pulse varied from 70 to 96—was generally very soft.—During this time an abscess formed under the frontalis muscle, which was opened on the 27th, and has been very difficult to heal. Discharged nearly ʒviij at the time it was punctured. October 5th and 6th. Patient improving; discharge from the wound and sinus, laudable pus; calls for his pants, and wishes to get out of bed, though he is unable to raise his head from the pillow. 7th. Has succeeded in raising himself up, and took one step to his chair, and sat about five minutes.

11th. Pulse 72; intellectual faculties brightening; when I asked him how long since he was injured, he replied, 'four weeks this afternoon,' at half past-four o'clock; relates the manner in which it occurred, and how he came to the house; he keeps the day of the week and time of the day in his mind; says he knows more than half of those who inquire after him; though he has memory as perfect as ever he would not take one thousand dollars for a few pebbles which he took from an ancient river bed where he was at work; the fungus is given way under the use of cryst. nitrate of silver; during all this time there has been a discharge of pus into the fauces, a part of which passed into the stomach, the remainder being ejected from the mouth. 20th. Improving; gets out and into bed with little assistance; sits up thirty minutes twice in twenty-four hours; is very childish; wishes to go home to Lebanon, N. H.; the wound in the scalp is healing rapidly. Nov. 8th. Improving in every particular, and sits up most of the time during the day; appetite good, though he is still kept upon a low diet; pulse 65; sleeps well, and he says has no pain in the head; food digests easily; bowels regular, and nutrition is going on well; the sinus under the frontalis muscle has nearly healed; he walks up and down stairs, and about the house into the piazza, and I am informed this evening that he was in the street to-day. I leave him for a week, with strict