

known the disease prove fatal to any of the Indians.

Pulmonary consumption has never been observed in any individual amongst the Indians; nay, it is even doubtful whether mania, apoplexy, hypochondriasis, and gout, should be classed among those diseases to which they are subject.

Venæsection is resorted to by the Indians in the treatment of severe attacks of fever. Sharp pieces of flint, or wood, are the instruments with which they perform the operation. They are also acquainted with the use of purgatives, emetics, sudorifics, and blisters; but such medicines are usually intrusted to the care of their diviners, who in serious cases of disease act the part of physicians.

The mythology of the Indians is wild and inconsistent. As they believe in the existence of certain spirits upon whom they suppose their happiness or misery to depend, it is not to be wondered at, that some individuals among them should have pretensions to a knowledge of the future, should