

multitudes of their fellow-creatures writhing in agony in various stages of disease were also most apparent.

These remarks have been thrown together hastily, and I have to apologise for their imperfections and want of details; yet, if their effect, either directly or indirectly, be to snatch one single valuable life from the fangs of the fell destroyer, I shall consider myself amply repaid.

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P.S.—The suggestions of a local nature contained in the foregoing hasty remarks were designed for Quebec, but they may, with the general principles be applied to any other locality.

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ART. XLI.—*Case of Phlegmasia Dolens.* By J. S. CROOKSHANK, Surgeon, Barrie, C.W.

On the evening of the 3rd February last, I was called, in haste, to visit a married lady residing some twelve miles distant, who was reported to be seriously ill.

On arriving, I obtained the following history. Patient is aged 31, has had four children, about ten days ago was confined by her last labour which, I understood, was natural. On the fifth day after delivery, she was enabled to leave bed and attend slightly to her domestic duties, which she continued performing until the evening of the eighth day, when she was suddenly seized with a severe rigor. On the following morning, she complained of pain, and stiffness in the left thigh, groin, and leg. In the evening, immobility and pain were much augmented. There were also great tension of limb, but more particularly in thigh and groin. At this time, the immobility was so great as to render her incapable of moving or turning her limbs in the slightest degree. There were considerable constitutional disturbance, such as hot skin, urgent thirst, and severe headache. She also suffered from difficulty in micturition; and, for the last two years, she has been a martyr to chronic rheumatism. Her symptoms continued to increase, until the following evening when I saw her.

On examination, I found her limb was enormously increased in size, being more than a half larger than its fellow of opposite side. Swelling extended to leg and foot; the groin of same side felt hard, swollen and painful, on pressure being applied; tenderness also present over pubic region. Pulse 115, hard and wiry. Tongue dry and red at tip and edges, urgent thirst, severe headache, bowels constipated. One night