

Potassæ Bitart. ʒ ij.

Pulv. Jalapæ. ʒ ss. Misce. H.S.S.

also in the morning, R. Tinct. Fung, Laricis Canadensis ʒ j.

Aquæ Puræ ʒ vij. Misce.

Capiat cochleare amplum quaque tertia hora.

Has had a copious evacuation during the night, and feels considerably relieved. To continue the mixture. From this time he went on improving almost daily, and on the sixth day was able to move about the house, free from pain and swelling in the joints; clearness of the conjunctivæ and a healthy condition of the secretions and excretions. About 18 months prior to the present illness, he was confined to bed for a period of four weeks, during which the efficacy of colchicum and Potassæ. Iod. was well tested, and only after this protracted interval did convalescence take place, on no occasion avoiding to guide the action of both the skin and the bowels, points of primary importance in various perverted conditions of the system.

CASE IV.—Frederick Prodrick, æt. 21 years, of florid complexion and active habit of body. On the 28th January, 1862, was for the first time seized with an attack of acute rheumatism, making its appearance first in the right shoulder joint, afterwards in the left knee, and subsequently passed into the various joints with considerable rapidity, and prevented the slightest movement of the body, without great pain and suffering.

February 2nd.—Visited Mr. P. for the first time, and found him stiff in every sense of the word, and perspiring freely, tongue coated and white, urine acid, high colored and rather scanty. Bowels had been opened by Mag. Sulph. Pulse 120 and rather sharp. Neither pain over the heart nor extension of the præcordial dulness. I ordered the most painful joints to be fomented with hops placed in small cotton bags, and saturated in warm water; also R. Tinct. Fung. Laricis Canadensis, ʒ jss. Aquæ puræ, ʒ vij. misce. A table spoonful taken every three hours during the day; also R. Morph. Acet. gr. ss. H.S.S.

February 3rd.—Signs of amendment; slept several hours during the night; perspired copiously, and feels in every respect more comfortable to day. To continue mixture and low diet.

February 5th.—Sleeps well at night, and is rapidly improving in every respect. Bowels relieved by an injection of warm water; pain and swelling very much subdued. Tongue moist and clean; can move the limbs, and only complains of slight stiffness and uneasiness. To proceed with mixture. From this date each day developed a most marked change for the better, and on the 9th the pain in the joints entirely subsided; perfect freedom of motion, but weak, owing to the reduced state of the system from the debilitating influence of the disease; urine voided in normal quantity and quite clear; skin moist; tongue clean; bowels regular and appetite increased. From this period there was no return of the symptoms, and on the 10th day from the commencement of treatment, he engaged in the discharge of his outside duties, much contrary to my wishes, having up to the present time experienced no inconvenience.

CASE V.—Mr. Craig, æt. 38 years, engaged in a seafaring life, and for a period of 6 years has been subject to frequent attacks of rheumatism, resisting