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## ACUTE FARCY.

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On the 27th of last November I was asked to see Mr. D., a man about 37 years of age, well-nourished, of good family history, and had always enjoyed good health. He had been employed as an assistant with a man named Alexander, who keens a stable for diseased horses, and had constantly under their care several of those diseased animals. Four days previous, I was told, my patient had been hurt whilst attending one of those animals, and since then was complaining of a very severe headache, frontal in character and was increasing in severity, great thirst, loss of appetite and sleep, bowels constipated, and a general feeling of malaise; had no distinct chill, though he frequently complained of feeling cold; no enlargement of the glands or tenderness of the veins, though there was slight tenderness and redness along the inside of both legs, over lymphatics; nor.could I discover any abrasion or external wound on the body. Pulse 100; temperature 102°. An abscess was discovered on the right arm, midway between the shoulder and elbow, in the fleshy part of the biceps muscle, circumscribed, but no redness nor much tenderness except on deep pressure, and having a soft elastic feel. Ordered poultices for the arm and five-grain doses of antipyrin to be repeated every hour if headache was not relieved.

Nov. 28th.-Headache considerably relieved by the antipyrin,