

EMPHYEMA.

A RECENT HOSPITAL CASE.

Empyema is a disease of the chest not commonly understood by the laity. It is suppurative pleurisy, or in other words, pus is found in the pleural cavity—the sac surrounding the lungs. It is rather often found in children and is more frequent in boys than in girls. The symptoms and cause of empyema are generally first shown by pain when following pleurisy. When the infection is from some other source the child becomes feverish, restless, and sleepless. There is loss of appetite with emaciation and decline in health. An irritative cough is present, and sooner or later chilliness and debilitating night sweats. There is considerable bulging of the affected side, the heart is displaced, the lung is oppressed. The general picture is one of decline and distress. Once this abscess of the pleural sac has formed the pus must be removed or the case is almost certain to be fatal. Occasionally perforation occurs through the lung and the child coughs up the pus. Again it may discharge externally or burrow downward into the abdominal cavity. By far the safest mode of treatment is an operation, having the pus thoroughly evacuated. Homœopathic remedies are effective in preventing this condition and in hastening recovery after the offending matter has been removed.

To what extent a child may suffer and fully recover was demonstrated in a lad of nine years of age who was operated upon in the hospital. Last October I was called to this particular case and found the boy had been treated for diphtheria, antitoxine having been injected. The lad was in a pitiful state. Thin, irritable, nervous, unable to lie down on account of difficulty of breathing, he was in a very serious condition. His death had been daily expected. After a short home treatment he was removed to the hospital. Our surgeon, Dr. Patton, removed a small section of one rib carefully, evacuated a large amount of pus and very quickly the heart and lungs resumed their normal sway. That night the little patient slept comfortably on his back. Kind nursing and faithful attendance restored the lad to perfect health. He is now strong, robust and happy, and has long since returned to his home.

A. P. GRIFFIN.

YOUNG DOCTOR PATTON.

The editor of THE RECORD has been informed of the arrival at 64 Crescent street of young Doctor Patton. As there are already in the family no less than four medical doctors, all sound in the Homœopathic faith, as well as one Doctor of Divinity equally well grounded, there is a certain familiarity of sound in the title which has been playfully bestowed upon the young man by one of his best friends and most sincere admirers. A kind of feeling that one has heard something like it before.

Though still a very young man it is understood that young Doctor Patton has already begun to practice, though we have the most positive assurance that it is not upon his esteemed father's (patience) nor for that matter upon his devoted mother's either.

A long and a prosperous life to him and may he be a source of comfort and pride to his worthy parents.

DONATIONS FOR FEBRUARY.

- Mrs. Hagar, 12 quarts of jam.
 Mrs. Von Rappard, 6 quarts of jam, vinegar for Hospital.
 Mrs. A. H. Thomson, 6 quarts of jam, vials for dispensary.
 Mrs. McLaughlan, Magazines.
 Mrs. Baylis, vials for dispensary.
 Miss Moodie, 6 bottles of grape juice, 1 bottle of raspberry vinegar, 1 quart of plums, 1 quart of raspberries, 1 quart of mincemeat, 2 quarts of strawberries, 2 quarts of black currants, 2 quarts of black raspberries.
 Mrs. McLain, old linen, vials for dispensary.
 Mrs. H. W. Snelling, 3 books, "Eighty-seven," "The Hall in the Grove," "Little Fishers and Their Nets."
 Mrs. Troller, the British Weekly.
 Miss Carrie Austin, papers and magazines.
 If the friends of the Hospital would kindly send in their names on a card with their donations it would save extra work and many mistakes.

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