

the same subject are similar. He speaks of hæmorrhages into and about the pocks, with abortive retrogression and rapid desiccation of the eruption.

Webb in the Boston *Medical & Surgical Journal*, (Aug. 1873.) writing on the late epidemic in that city, states "that there were a few cases which had a hæmorrhagic tendency in the earlier stages of the disease, but the eruption abated early, and the patients recovered." Ogston, also, in the *Medico-Chirurgical Review* (Jan. 1873) speaks of the bases of the pocks becoming the seat of extravasation. These cases appear to have been common in Hamburg during the late epidemic, and the only notice worthy of the name is to be found in an article by Dr. Scheby-Buch in the 5th vol. (1874) of the *Archiv. f. Dermatologie und Syphilis*. Under the term "Hæmorrhagien mit Pocken."—Hæmorrhages with Pocks—he describes a group in which no doubt the cases here referred to are to be classed. He says, "under this heading I reckon the cases in which the hæmorrhages take a subordinate position. The pocks are tolerably numerous, here and there confluent, mostly flat and imperfectly developed. Hæmorrhages occur in and about the same on the lower extremities. Sometimes these are accompanied with free extravasations (purpura) in the skin and conjunctiva, but hæmorrhages from the remaining mucous surfaces never occur." Unfortunately none of the cases are reported, many of them, however, were of a severe type and fatal. I did meet with one case in which hæmorrhages occurred about the pocks on the thighs, legs, and, to a less extent, the thorax in the vesicular stage. Instead of the eruption aborting it went on to maturation, and the man barely escaped with his life. Instances like this may have furnished the fatal contingent in Scheby-Buch's cases, and no doubt in a large experience cases would be met with which might supply the links to unite the mild variety here described with the fatal *variola hæmorrhagica pustulosa*.

It will be sufficient if attention has been drawn to the fact, not generally known, that cases of small-pox in which cutaneous hæmorrhages occur into and about the pocks are not of necessity fatal.