

iron, quinia, arsenic and the principal vegetable bitters were steadily exhibited, with the most beneficial results. Her profuse sweats speedily yielded to the mineral acids. As dressings for the abscess, carbolic acid, iodine, tannin and the sulphates of copper and zinc, answered every purpose. Her bowels, which, up to this time, seemed to have been in a state of chronic congestion, were relieved by means of opium, while her almost unquenchable thirst was gratefully allayed with small draughts of claret, and lime and lemon water.

One of the chief and most embarrassing difficulties I had to contend with, as soon as my patient was able to stir herself, was her utter inability to extend her doubled-up lower extremities, which, for weeks and months together, she had been obliged to keep bent up, in order to maintain her abdominal muscles in a state of constant relaxation. The wasted flexors of her legs seemed to have had their rigidly-contracted tendons fixed immovably within their sheaths. The slightest attempt at passive motion, though made ever so gently, put her in a state of fever, followed by an attack of alarming faintness, out of which it was no easy matter to restore her. It was therefore found expedient to have the stiffened joints rubbed, two or three times daily, with emollient liniments, and wrapped up in flannels, and, after a while, various sorts of splints were used to maintain gentle and gradual extension. By these means, with an infinite amount of patience on the part of her friends, she regained the use of her legs. When she was sufficiently strong to be lifted up from her bed into an easy chair, it was found that the attempt to maintain the erect, or even semi-recumbent posture, caused her internal pain, or "dragging down" as she called it, in the site of the abscess. As she gained in strength, in the course of time this difficulty was finally overcome, by means of proper abdominal supports.

I met Mrs. B. the other day, taking a walk on King-street, and her answer to my question regarding her health, was, "I feel, now, better than ever in my life."