

his chest sufficiently. These symptoms still continue, and are particularly felt on ascending an incline, when he is often obliged to stand to take a full inspiration, and at the same time, sharp pains shoot across his chest towards the sternum. The appetite is impaired, accompanied with indigestion, nausea, pain of stomach, and occasional vomiting of food. He often feels considerable uneasiness in his back after walking or much exercise, which causes him to assume the horizontal posture, from which he always obtains relief. He has frequently pain in his bowels, and a slight difficulty in micturition, pains in his loins, and darting down his thighs, and is feeble in the movement of his limbs. The left leg is weaker than the right, and they are liable to start up when at rest. Pulse 84; tongue slightly furred; bowels constipated.

There is no indication of disease in the chest or abdomen.—On employing pressure along the spine, pain is complained of at the upper part of the dorsal vertebræ, and also between the first and second lumbar vertebræ. At these parts issues were applied, and he was ordered to retain the horizontal posture, and to take purgatives. In the course of two weeks his symptoms began to improve. He could respire with more freedom; the nausea and pain of stomach had abated, and he had greater power in the movement of his limbs. We now employed gentle tonics, and still continued the use of the purgatives; and, in the course of a few weeks, renewed the issues, which had begun to heal. He still, however, continued the occasional use of the purgatives, which had always afforded him relief; and, in a short time, he felt himself strong, and restored to good health.

CASE 6.—J. S., aged 33. This person has, for a considerable time, been in a weak and delicate state of health. He complains much of uneasiness in the lower part of the back, with difficulty passing his urine. He feels great inconvenience from stooping, as the pain becomes severe on raising himself into the erect position. He is liable to headaches and giddiness, being sometimes apt to fall whilst walking. He states that he has less power than formerly in moving his limbs; that a cold sensation runs down the outer side of the left thigh; and that this limb is weaker than the right. Is easily fatigued by walking, and perspires much after exercise. His legs also often start up involuntarily when in bed, or remaining much in a quiescent state. These complaints had been considered of a rheumatic character, were treated on that principle, but with little or no abatement of the symptoms. Pulse 84—tongue furred in centre; appetite weak; bowels regular.

On examining the spine, acute pain is felt on pressure being applied to the intervertebral spaces on the lower portion of the lumbar vertebræ, and slight tenderness is also complained of at one spot of the dorsal vertebræ; but the sensation does not appear to be impaired in the integuments of the limb.