

case, instead of a surgical operation to remove the difficulty, remedies should be applied to promote absorption, thus avoiding pain, and increasing the chances of a permanent cure. The principle of treatment of the eye and ear is the same, though requiring different remedies.

In order to appreciate the superiority of such a course of treatment, over that in which the knife is brought into requisition, we have only to suppose a case of cataract, the prime cause of which is irritation in the eye; these progress sometimes for years before they become hard, as it is termed, and ready for an operation. The patient must be subjected to this long period of darkness or dimness of vision, then undergo a painful operation, wait sometimes for months for a recovery from the inflammation caused by the operation, which inflammation is, as in the first instance, liable to produce a recurrence of the cataract or film. This was once my own practice. Upon the principle of absorption no time need transpire before the remedies are applied, no pain is experienced, no irritation is excited, and no danger of a recurrence of the difficulty from the attempts to cure, but a gradual improvement takes place from the first, and during the time of treatment, from two to four months, according to the advanced stage of the disease, the patients are not obliged to abstain from any occupation in which they might be engaged while under treatment for the eye or ear.

As this is the principle of treatment applied to the cure of deafness, the advantage of the course will readily be observed.

I trust my motive will not be mistaken, and if you do not feel disposed to become interested in your own case, or that of your friend, I trust you will lay it aside or dispose of it without any unkind comments. But if you should become interested, and should wish to know more respecting your own case, I should be happy to correspond with you, and answer all questions in relation to it, *free of charge*, if postage is paid on the letters.

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