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## ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS.

ART. XXXVIII.—*Case of Pleuritis and Gangrene of the Lung, caused by a blow on the chest without fracture of the ribs, combined with abscesses of the Brain.* By ALFRED JACKSON, ESQ., L. R. C. S. E., Visiting Physician to the Marine and Emigrant Hospital, Lecturer on Clinical Surgery, Medical School, Quebec, &c., &c.

MARTIN CONNOR, a Sailor on board of the Brig Safeguard, aged 17 years, was admitted to the Marine Hospital on the 3rd August.

States that about ten weeks ago the Brig was discharging coals in Limerick, "I was then in good health, I was in the hold assisting the men to discharge the cargo, when from carelessness in the manner in which it was done, pieces of coal occasionally dropped upon us, exposing us to serious injury. I remonstrated with the mate, who was on deck, who told me to mind my own business; angry words ensued, upon which he came to the hold and struck me with his fist on the head and knocked me down, he then returned to the deck, and I resumed my work, more angry words were then exchanged, and he, the mate, threw a piece of coal the size of the fist (by a witness the size of a hen's egg) at me, which struck me on the left side over the ribs, it did not knock me down, but it hurt me severely, and from that moment, I have continued to feel more or less severe pain in my side; the pain was accompanied by cough and spitting of bloody sputa. After a time, the sputa became still more bloody. The next day after the accident I resumed my work, but after a few days I was obliged to knock off, and was unable to do duty all the passage out, which lasted eight weeks."

Present appearance, August 3,—Much emaciated, face and surface of body pale, anæmic; feels but little pain in the side, and that only in coughing, no ecchymosis of side, pulse small and hard, skin dry, harsh, tongue moist. clean, slightly red at the edges, appetite tolerable, bowels