

now most obstinately refused treatment, and at once removed any application made to the surface. Having observed that the eruption on the abdominal walls was not uniform with that over the body, the idea occurred to my mind, that the maniacal symptoms might arise from an arrest of development in the eruption over the abdomen. \mathcal{R} olei crotonis tiglij \mathfrak{z} ii, olei olivæ \mathfrak{z} ii mixed. Rubbed over the abdomen three times each day until a full crop of pimples appear. After the lapse of eighteen hours a copious eruption was produced, on the appearance of which, the delirium subsided in a remarkable manner, and sleep being now induced through the administration of an opiate, the following morning sensibility was restored, the whole of the two days being to her a perfect blank, not even retaining the slightest recollection of what had transpired on November 4th; the eruption had nearly faded away, and no pain in the joints was complained of. The sore throat was relieved by a gargle of potass. chlorat. with tinct. myrrh and honey. Nov. 6. From this date the case progressed most favorably, and, during the following week, desquamation of the cuticle commenced, and continued to the end of the third week, the cuticle of several fingers being so detached as almost to resemble a glove finger in shape. As the system became relieved, the various secretions returned to their normal state, and the function of the brain soon became as vigorous as ever.

REMARKS.—It is a well established fact that pregnant women are not so liable to become the subjects of infectious diseases as other individuals, pregnancy acting the part of a safe-guard; on the other hand, however, the system is unusually susceptible to the same unhealthy actions after confinement, from which it was comparatively speaking free while the foetus was in utero. Two children of Mrs. W. were seized with scarlet fever, and had recovered fully ten days prior to her confinement, the house being thoroughly ventilated and every precaution taken to avoid infection. Notwithstanding these purifying measures, the mother was no sooner delivered, than her system became the nidus for the zymotic poison, than which, under such circumstances, none could be more fatal to the parturient female.

Dr. Ramsbotham, in his recent work on parturition, p. 443, states that of the numerous cases which he witnessed in London, only two recovered; one in a state of abject poverty, the other surrounded by all the comforts which affluence could bestow. Tweedy says, it is a fatal disease when it attacks pregnant or puerperal women; Watson says, when scarlet fever befalls parturient women, it almost always proves fatal. "Scarlet fever, during pregnancy, most certainly ends in abortion and death. If the woman be recently delivered, the disease will be of the