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ART. XII.—Notes of Hospital Cases in London, (England). By Francis Wayland Campbell, M.D., L.R.C.P. Lond.; Licentiate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada, Member of the Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh, and Corresponding Member of the Dublin Microscopic Club.

The following cases came under my observation while attending the London Hospitals during the summer of 1861, and as they possess considerable importance, may be of interest to the readers of the Journal.

Fall of an infant, with a Hydrocephalic head, from a third story window;

Fracture of the Skull; Hemiplegia; Fatal Result.

James K-, aged 18 months, was admitted into the University College Hostal under the charge of Mr. Erichsen, on the evening of the 29th of June, 1861. Ever since it was seven months old, the mother noticed a gradual enlarging of the head, which had rapidly increased for six weeks previous to his admission. Early in the evening of the 29th June, he fell out of a third story window. He was picked up insensible and immediately taken to the hospital. On admission the child was still insensible and pale; surface of body cold; pupils dilated, but very slightly sensible to light; no paralysis was detected. The pulse moderately quick, but feeble. There was a large soft swelling over the left frontal region, which appeared to be due to extravasated blood. On examining the head with the finger, a fissure could be traced from above downward, and toward the middle line. In the centre of the above frontal swelling, and continuing this fissure backwards, is another, which appears to be formed by the separation of the edge of the squamous portion of the temporal bone. Another soft fluctuating tumor surrounds this second part of the fissure. Ecchymosis was commencing in the left eyelid. Cold water was ordered to be constantly applied to the head, and two grains of Calomel, and three grains of Jalap, to be taken immediately. Midnight. The pulse has become very small and feeble, necessitating the administering of brandy in small quantities, under which it rallied somewhat. Ecchymosis has increased in the left eyelid, and is commencing in the right.