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ART. XVI.—*Clinical Selections.* By WM. WRIGHT, M.D., L.R.C.S.E.,
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IV.—JAUNDICE WITH HEAD SYMPTOMS.

Case 1.—*Liver reduced to 1 lb. 14 oz.*

Isabella Knox, ætat 18, was sent on the 24th September, 1855, into the Montreal General Hospital from the University Lying-In Hospital, where she had been for the preceding fortnight, being, as she believed, within two months of her confinement. Seven months previously, while at home in Scotland, she had been seduced. Gestation followed. She was forsaken by her deceiver, and to escape the wrath of her parents, she emigrated to this city. Her health was unimpaired till the 21st September, when she visited a former neighbour, who treated her freely to whisky. Next morning she suffered from severe headache, nausea, and distressing vomiting, which, however, passed away after lasting a few hours. The following afternoon, a yellowishness of her skin was perceived. Upon each consecutive morning, similar symptoms of gastric disturbance presented themselves, but became better towards noon, and in the meantime the discoloration of the skin grew more conspicuous.

At the hour of admission into the General Hospital, (1 p.m.,) she appeared to have slight jaundice, but not complaining of any urgent symptoms, no immediate remedies were prescribed. She was perfectly intelligent, and promptly returned satisfactory responses to questions asked of her. No appreciable warning gave notice of the change about to ensue. The only symptoms of disordered innervation were a feeling of slight lassitude, an inclination to drowsiness, and a little headache: these, however, in degree were scarcely as great as the analogous sensations commonly experienced by persons affected with an ordinary at-