

fortuitous efforts of nature, and that, should he allow the first seasonable period of amputation to pass away, he would ultimately witness with painful accusation, the fatal consequences of his ill-timed humanity.

The heat of summer was injurious to the well-doing of amputation. By quickening the constitutional fever into a high degree of action, it prevented, in some measure, the process of adhesion. The boundaries of local inflammation were extended. The suppurating surface of a stump became large, the matter plentiful, and ill-conditioned. It was therefore requisite to remove the superficial dressings in the evening of the second, or on the morning of the third day, after amputation had been performed. This being done, the patient felt relieved from the pressure caused by the bandages, and by the bloody ichor which had been effused in the extremity of the stump. On such occasions the cold lotion which was sometimes applied to the seat of inflammation, was effectual in reducing the limb to an equable temperature.