

he returned home in perfect health. From this date till he consulted me for the present illness, he continued well, and performed all the duties pertaining to the position he occupied. He consulted me on April 1st for a pain which he felt over the region of the right kidney, and the following day I was called to see him at his house. I found him complaining of the same pain in the same region, which was severe and spasmodic. It was neither increased nor diminished by pressure. A hypodermic of Battley gave some relief. He was ordered a mixture containing five grains of iodide of potash and twenty minims of wine of colchicum to each dose, upon the idea that the pain was neuralgia of a gouty character, the patient's habits being free. This gave him very considerable relief, and in eight days he was able to return to work. From this up to the beginning of August his health seemed fairly good. I met him occasionally on the street, when he said that at rare intervals he had a feeling of numbness in his feet, particularly his right. Soon after, I went to Europe, and during my absence he consulted my friend, Dr. Perrigo, for a somewhat persistent numbness in both feet and legs, and a want of sensation in the rectum when a motion was passing, though he had perfect control of the sphincter. Under the medicine prescribed he made some little improvement. On my return, the end of September, his wife being ill, I saw him occasionally. They were living at one of the summer resorts near Montreal. He said that the pain had returned, and was, at times, very severe, while he felt sure the numbness was increasing. He promised to place himself under treatment when the family returned to the city. Soon after he received a severe mental shock by the burning of the factory, in which I have already said he was interested, and by which fire he lost heavily. For some days afterwards he was quite unfit for work, and the pain and numbness markedly increased, evidently due to nervousness, as they both improved by simple rest. Early in October I was called to visit him at his house for intense pain again over the kidney. It required two hypodermics of Battley's solution gtt xx in each, given an hour apart, before he got even partial relief.