

yet disappear, but was getting larger daily. Upon examination I found at once the nature of the tumour (of the size of a pigeon's egg,) and had the satisfaction of removing it completely in about two and a half weeks, by ice-cold applications of two parts of whisky and one part of water. In the meantime the failing tabula externa and diploë were formed, and the wall; the former barrier between tabula externa and interna is felt no more. The child is getting along very well.

The first case I attended I recommended puncture with the trocar. Another physician, who was called in after me, opened the tumour with the knife, imagining there was water in it; but, making too deep an incision, perforated diploë tabula interna and brain. There came liquid blood and brain, as I was informed afterwards, and the child was dead in a few hours. In the second case, I punctured with a fine trocar, but the swelling being on the occiput, the child was very restless for some days, being obliged to lie on it; and after about a fortnight, the tumour coming back, I had to puncture again. After that I used the cold applications; the swelling did not return—the child did very well—and the tabula externa was completely formed.—Since that time I have had the satisfaction of noticing in four cases I have attended that the swelling quite disappeared in from two to three weeks, by the use of those applications; that the cranium was completely formed, and that none of the children died. But I would not have hesitated a moment to make use of the puncture again, if a resorption had not taken place.

#### REMARKS BY THE EDITOR.

The subject of cephalhœmatoma has lately attracted considerable attention in Germany and France. M. Valleix has published an essay on this subject in his *Clinique des Malades des Enfants*,—Paris, 1838,—which will be found a clear and suitable exposition of this matter, and is illustrated with coloured drawings. We have to thank our correspondent for calling our attention to this subject; for although his description is clothed, after the manner of his country, in many learned terms and a profusion of Latin nomenclature, it still contains considerable good sense and practical observation.

The true nature of this complaint (cephalhœmatoma) is