

neck with a cup. The pain caused 'by those nerves which take their rise from the pia mater' was so great and so insufferable that it seemed to me unequalled, but he said it would staunch the blood and restore me to my senses, which was actually the case, for in a short time my sight became clear and my mind resumed its powers. He next bound my head with a band drawn tight by two men, who held the ends, while he struck the intermediate parts vigorously with a piece of wood, which shook my head violently, and gave me dreadful pain. This, he said, was to set the brain, which he supposed had been displaced, and it is true that after the second operation my head felt more free. A third operation was now performed, during which he made, me, still stripped to the waist, walk in the open air supported by two persons, and while thus walking he unexpectedly threw a basin of freezing cold water over my breast. As this caused me to draw my breath with great vehemence, and as my chest had been injured by the fall, it may easily be imagined what were my sufferings under this affliction; but I was consoled by the information that if any rib had been dislocated this sudden and hard breathing would restore it to its natural position. The next proceeding was not less painful and extravagant. The operator made me sit on the ground, and, assisted by two men, held a cloth upon my mouth and nose till I was almost suffocated. 'This,' said the Chinese Esculapius, 'by causing a violent heaving of the chest, will force back any rib that may have been dislocated.' The wound in my head, not being deep, he healed it by stuffing with burnt cotton. He then ordered that I should continue to walk much, supported by two persons; that I should not sit long, nor be allowed to sleep till 10 o'clock at night, at which time I should eat a little thin rice soup. He assured me that these walks in the open air while fasting would prevent the blood from settling upon the chest where it might corrupt. These remedies, though barbarous and exerueiating, cured me so completely that in seven days I was able to resume my journey."—*The Lancet*.

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A VERY GRAVE ERROR.—The experience of many of the best men of the profession, not only of the United States but abroad, has established the clinical value of antikammia tablets. Among those who have paid high tributes to their value and who occupy positions of great eminence may be mentioned Dr. J. Acheson Wilkin and Dr. R. J. Blackham, practitioners of London. They have found