

that it generally improves, rather than impairs, the digestive functions.

Salivation is apt to be a troublesome consequence of the administration of mercury in fever, at least in certain constitutions. No remedy has in our hands proved more useful against this distressing accident than the application of two or three leeches under the lower maxilla: the symptoms usually subside rapidly and effectually under this simple treatment. A gargle made with alum, or camphorated spirits of wine, will also be found very useful in many cases.* Mild saline aperients at the same time may be given with advantage.—*Med. Chirurg. Review.*

CASE OF SINGULAR FORMATION OF CATARACT.

A merchant, aged 65, who had previously enjoyed good health, while sitting one day opposite a window was struck in the face by a sunbeam, and suddenly experienced a severe pain in the right eye. The pain soon diminished; but vision, which was previously perfect, was quite lost on that side. He was seen three days after by Fron-Müeller, who discovered a lenticular cataract of the right eye. On examining the window through which the light passed, Fron-Müeller discovered, in one of the panes of glass, two convex bulbs, similar in size and form to lenses, a circumstance which probably explains the occurrence.—*Gaz. Medica di Milano, April, and London and Edinburgh Journal of Medical Science.*

SPONTANEOUS CURE OF CATARACT.

A stone-breaker, who had suffered from cataract of the right eye from his youth, had the misfortune, whilst pursuing his occupation, to have his left eye struck by a splinter, which produced a violent concussion of the eye, and gave rise to inflammation and loss of vision. The man applied to Dr. G., who, on examining the eye, found, along with considerable inflammation, a completely formed cataract. He combated the former symptom by antiphlogistic remedies, and advised the patient, as soon as all irritation in the left eye should have disappeared to have the cataract removed from the right one, in which the power of vision had been lost at an early period. On this the patient applied elsewhere for advice, and consulted Dr. S. in A.

In order to examine the eye more minutely, the latter dropped into it a solution of the extract of belladonna; in consequence of this the pupil dilated largely; at the same time, the opaque lens fell into the

* A blister to the throat and a gargle of brandy and water are the remedies for troublesome salivation.—*Rev.*