

a regular perforation of a free valve—the author was led to diagnose such a condition in the case of a man, aged 30, who was admitted into hospital suffering from anginal attacks. On auscultation a double aortic murmur could be heard, the diastolic part of the murmur being musical, and like the chirping of chickens. The apex beat was in the fifth space, and outside the nipple line. There was no history of rheumatism, but the patient was much exposed to wet and cold. He contracted syphilis at 21. He died in one of the attacks of angina, and *post mortem* the mitral valves were found normal; the aortic valves thickened and stenosis, two cusps being adherent; the third was perforated near the aortic parietes, but not adherent. The coronary arteries were healthy. The aorta was atheromatous. The author looks upon angina pectoris as a neuralgia of the cardiac plexus.—*British Medical Journal*.

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A CELEBRATED QUACK.—A writer in the *Illustrated London News* narrates some very curious incidents in connection with the practice of medicine in England. Some sixty years ago Mr. St. John Long was, although unqualified, practising in Harley street, and had made for himself a great reputation, particularly for his treatment of consumption. His method, shortly stated, was in cases of internal disease to cure the malady by causing an external wound. The effects of this treatment were always painful and often shocking to behold. A Dublin lady came up to London to consult him concerning the health of her two daughters. The younger was far gone in consumption; the elder perfectly well. What had happened to her sister had naturally alarmed her, however, and Long undertook to prevent her falling a victim to the same disease. He applied his remedies, which gave her intense agony, and made her very ill, and on the tenth day Brodie was called in, but too late, for the patient died. The body of the poor girl was exhumed and examined by a committee of doctors. It was shown that there was nothing the matter with her save a wound in the back, apparently produced by fire, though the mode of inflicting it could not be discovered. That was Mr. Long's secret. At the inquest medical testimony was unanimous against him, but he had a cloud of witnesses, male and female, most of them his patients, who gave evidence in his favor. In the end the coroner's jury returned a verdict of manslaughter, which was received in a crowded court with cries of "Shame! shame!" On his trial at the Old Bailey he was found guilty, but escaped on paying a fine of £250 to the king. Long was subsequently tried a second time for pursuing the same treatment