

urine voided in natural quantity and not characterised by any abnormality. Owing to the apparent severity of the case, and the rapidity of its onset, the bowels were acted upon by an immediate enema, twelve ounces of blood abstracted from the arm, mustard synapisms applied to the calves of the legs, ice to the head and to these measures was added a brisk purgative. After the lapse of a few hours Mr. G. was considerably relieved, and slept several hours during the after part of the night. April 19th, 6 a.m.—Still complains of pain in his head, but greatly reduced as to its severity, vomited twice during the night, skin warm and moist, pulse 80 soft and compressible, tongue not altered in appearance, had three copious evacuations during the night and voided the usual quantity of urine. Ordered a blister (Emplast. Canth.) to nape of neck for eight hours, also ℞. Hydrarg, Chloridi g. xij. Pulv. Antimonialis g. vi. Pulv. Cretæ, comp. g. xv. Misc. et divide in pulv. vi. One to be taken every two hours. 9. p. m.—The blister rose well, and he has enjoyed several hours sleep, no vomiting, and pain in head greatly improved. Ordered a saline draught, continuation of cold to head and Ungt. Hydrarg Fort. as a dressing for the blistered surface. From this date Mr. G. gradually improved, only suffering from loss of appetite, occasional giddiness and unusual depression of spirits. 30th April.—Mr. G. called at my Surgery and again complained of the usual pain and a general increased depression of the system. I had on several occasions enquired if he had suffered from any pain in his ears, but was always answered in the negative. As the case now appeared very obscure, and again tending to assume its former severe and trying character, I resolved not to rest satisfied with an ordinary examination, and after considerable persuasion was permitted to syringe both ears. Having removed a quantity of cerumenous secretion from the meatus of the left ear, I introduced a probe and to the astonishment of the patient, came in contact with a foreign substance of hard texture, pressed closely upon the membrana Tympani, which was with difficulty removed *en masse*, being nothing other than a common black Beetle, (*Elater*) of no ordinary dimensions. A difficulty now arose as to the manner in which this little animal effected its passage, and the information obtained was, that about 13 years ago when travelling in the country he had slept in a buffalo skin, and was aroused during the night by a tickling sensation in his ear, but could observe nothing of consequence. As is usual when such cases occur in the country, “*a plug of black wool and olive oil*” was at once placed in the ear. From time to time the peculiar sensation passed on until at length the parts became accustomed to this source of irritation, the animal being entombed in cerumenous secretion which proved a preventative to its decomposition. No medical advice was sought until January, 1857, when Mr. G. was attacked much as above and subjected to a course of treatment somewhat similar to that adopted by myself; no pain in the ears or deafness being complained of, an examination was consequently not made. By applying a watch to his ears I discovered that hearing was much more acute in the right, than left ear, and from that circumstance, was led to enquire into the deficiency, and not until the animal was removed, did Mr. G. recollect the peculiar circumstances detailed. Immediately after its removal an entire change was experienced, the sense of hearing was almost morbidly acute. Since that date