

The collection is ordinarily expelled by what is termed an abscess, evacuated after its approach to the surface, either by nature or the bistoury.

But in some instances the abscess is not evacuated, being what is termed, absorbed or encapsulated.

*Use 2nd*—It is the method by which the before mentioned matters (so collected together when from favouring circumstances they cease to produce irritation in their vicinity) are absorbed or removed by the emunctories. The solid parts first having undergone a fatty transformation, owing to the influence exerted on them by the free circulation of blood in the walls of the abscess.

*Use 3rd*—It is the method by which dead exudation material finally becomes encapsulated. The abscess ceasing to produce inflammation in its vicinity, the free circulation of blood in the abscess wall exerts such changes in the composition of the fluid parts of the pus, as permit of their absorption without injury to the health of the solid part, which cannot be so dealt with becomes inspissated in the form of the innocuous substances. Fat, Phosphate of lime, Carbonate of lime and other salts, united by an indeterminate animal matter.

Or in other words, through the agency of *pus*, dead portions of the economy may become interred within the living system in some out of the way place, (where it would have been impossible to remove it to a greater distance) and then to give no more trouble than the little burying ground in the ploughed field, that was there established by the *Pioneer Settler* from necessity, many years ago.

So far our attention has been devoted to *pus* as a means of getting rid of a too profuse inflammatory exudation, but it has a far wider area of usefulness.

John Hunter long since demonstrated that *pus* is a solvent of dead animal substances—raw meat being easily dissolved in an abscess, or in *pus* kept warm out of the body—Hence,

*Use 4th*—It is the method by which tissues of all kinds, when deprived of their vitality, are reduced to a fluid capable of easy removal, as the contents of an abscess.

*Use 5th*—It is the method adopted by nature to assist vital absorption in amputating dead tissues, either externally or internally.

*Use 6th*—It is the method which assists Ulcerative Absorption, so termed in bringing an abscess to the surface. One portion or side of the abscess wall becoming gradually thinner as the abscess points.