

scription, it will readily be seen how difficult it was to determine the exact situation of the great cavity of pus and air. No doubt similar conditions have been observed by other individual writers, but, as far as we know, it was Leyden who first gave it the above designation. It is useful to have some such term for the special disorder in question, as that serves to direct attention towards it, and saves verbal description. The cases of this kind must certainly be rare. In our own experience, this one is unique. But we should be glad to hear if others have been noticed in this country—cases either recorded or not. We had the privilege of seeing the patient during life in consultation with Dr. Gardner, and of being present at the autopsy. One point is specially worthy of attention in the case, viz., the situation of the liver. One of the main diagnostic points of Leyden is decided depression of the liver into the abdomen. As the condition here was diametrically opposed to that, it shows that too great stress must not be laid upon this observation.

Medical Items.

—The *Student's Journal* gets off the following epigrammatic remark anent affairs at Guy's: "Priestliness, women and physic, in association, are a deathly trio. Separately and alone, they are of use, because then they can be held in subjection."

PROGRESS OF PSYCHIATRY IN THIS COUNTRY.—In February, 1880, Dr. J. C. Shaw, Medical Superintendent of the King's County Insane Asylum, burned all the canisoles, wristlets, strait-jackets, and other forms of restraining apparatus in his institution. Dr. Shaw did not, in the Byronic manner, awake the next morning and find himself famous; but he did, nevertheless, perform an act which will make his name historic among alienists, since he now stands as the first American physician to do away entirely with mechanical restraint in the treatment of the insane.

TREASURE-TROVE OF THE DISSECTING ROOM.—Prof. Agnew reports that he saw, in the dissecting room of the Philadelphia School of Anatomy, a female subject, afterwards learned to have