

and healthiest squares, was large and well ventilated : the weather was temperate, and the patient had remained in the house after the operation.

I operated upon a middle-aged lady, of good general health, for scirrhus of the breast, and for the first eight days everything looked promising ; then came a rigor, followed by erysipelas around the wound, which, for a few days went on slowly spreading ; subsequently pyæmia made its appearance, and under this she gradually sank. The house in which the operation was performed was in one of the best streets in Pimlico. The bedroom was of good size, and well ventilated.

About a month afterwards, I operated upon another lady for scirrhus of the breast. Middle-aged and slim, she was of a sallow complexion, but in good general health. In this case, too, everything promised well for the first few days ; then came a severe rigor and sickness ; erysipelas soon made its appearance around the wound, from whence it gradually spread. Matters went on thus for a few days, then there was pyæmia, and in a few days more the patient was dead. In this case the operation was performed a few miles out of town. The bedroom, very large and well ventilated, was in a large, well-built house with all the modern appliances, and situated on a heath, on elevated ground, overlooking a wide expanse of country. As far as one could judge, no better nor healthier situation could have been selected for an operation.

A lady, aged about 45, had a large sero-cystic tumour of the breast, some of the cysts of which occasionally suppurated, and were, under such circumstances, sometimes opened, and sometimes allowed to burst. Matters went on thus, as she would not hear of an operation, for between eight and nine years, the general health being as good as ever between the attacks. At this period a small cyst suppurated, and was allowed to burst, shortly after which erysipelas made its appearance around the edges of the little sore ; then in a few days came rigors and sweating, with