

mediate serious consequences. We believe the administration of an emetic, as of tartarized antimony or of ipecacuan, and the use of the warm bath for the production of copious diaphoresis, are the most effectual means that could be employed, in children, to soothe the irritability of the nervous system and allay spasmodic action. This cannot be said of anodynes and anti-spasmodics proper, which, though often recommended, have been acknowledged by most authors, as of little advantage and very unsatisfactory in the results of their action. It may be also observed that blood-letting, which may be said to be indispensable in inflammatory croup, tends evidently to increase the irritability of the system in Laryngismus and consequently aggravates the disease. This should lead to a careful consideration of the case before any measures be adopted, since an error in diagnosis might lead to the severest disappointment in treatment.

ART. XXXIII.—A Case of Internal Strangulated Hernia, with some remarks. By V. A. BROWN, M.B., L.R.C.S.E., Surgeon of Enrolled Pensioners and Volunteer Militia Artillery, London, C.W.

On Monday, the 23rd ultimo, I was requested, in a great hurry, to visit a young man, ætat 21, residing about one mile from this city, who was reported by the medical gentlemen in attendance to be dying of malignant cholera. Before I reached the house the young man had breathed his last. The medical man in company with another, had left the house, having previously given directions to the family and friends of the deceased, to say as little as possible about the case, as it was one of cholera, and would cause great alarm in the neighbourhood, if generally known. I need hardly say that such an opinion, given by one of the oldest practitioners in this city, did spread a great deal of consternation in the neighbourhood, and very effectually verified the gentlemen's suspicions, as soon as it became known. On enquiry into the history of the case, I was informed that the young man had severely overstrained himself on the Saturday previous, by excessive jumping and swinging, an amusement he was very fond of, and being constantly in the habit of practising, was an adept in. On Sunday he was suddenly seized with pain of an excruciating nature in the abdomen, which he referred chiefly to the epigastric, right lumbar and iliac regions, the usual medical attendant of the family was then sent for and saw him at 5 o'clock p.m. He prescribed sinapisms stupes and enemata, which were sedulously applied during the night, distressing vomiting of a dark