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CASE OF TRAUMATIC TETANUS—RECOVERY.

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Until quite recently, tetanus has been regarded as practically incurable. Some years ago, a Committee of the British Medical Association, under the presidency of Mr. Callendor, investigated the subject and reported that acute tetanus is incurable, and that though anodynes and hypnotics may sometimes alleviate the symptoms, they can not be said to cure.

Though tetanus is essentially a disease of hot climates, it is by no means uncommon in Great Britain and America. In England and Wales from 1879 to 1892 inclusive, there were 2,969 deaths from traumatic tetanus; and from 1881 to 1892, there were 568 deaths from idiopathic tetanus. Several cases of traumatic tetanus have been reported in this city, but I am not aware of any recoveries. It will, therefore, be of some interest to lay before you the notes of a successful case which I had the opportunity of observing last summer. Moreover the subject is of special interest now on account of the new antitoxin treatment advocated by the Italian school. Drs. Tizzoni and Cattani, of Bologna, claim to have worked out a method of curing tetanus by injecting the serum of horses which have been inoculated with the specific microbe under special conditions. This