

side, she went into Portland and consulted an eminent physician there, who did not make any physical examination, but ordered her a croton oil liniment to be applied over the painful part, which gave her decided relief; she returned from thence in August, and for about five weeks felt much better, with little or no inconvenience, observing, however, that whenever she came down stairs, turning from right to left, she suffered again from the dull aching in her left side and a kind of restraint in walking; she went out for a carriage ride frequently at this period, and also observed that whenever she used her right leg in ascending it produced the pain already described, although jolting seldom affected her in the least; she further stated that while at the sea-side, and for some time before going there, her urine became of a very dark porter colour, but had not diminished in quantity.

*Present Appearance.*—Face emaciated, of a peculiar dark colour, with slightly olive tinge, so striking that the existence of malignant disease at once suggested itself to my mind; she seemed much careworn and depressed in spirits; walked into the room very slowly, and with a strange semi-rotatory gait, as if she could not bend her back, hips or knee-joints; on sitting down complains of shooting pain from hips to knees. I requested her to retire to bed as I wished to examine the abdominal region. Her pulse was 80, regular but weak in volume; temperature, 90 fahr.; tongue clean; her body was very much atrophied and muscles flabby; percussion and auscultatory sounds over chest normal; heart's action regular but feeble. On examining the abdominal region immediately to the right, and for about two inches below the umbilicus, I could feel plainly a large nodular, moveable tumour, traceable upwards to where the spleen is situated, and then downwards to the left to about the centre of left lumbar region; on a line from umbilicus to apex of epigastrium I discovered a second portion of a tumour of the same kind, which seemed to meet, or itself to be like a second part of the same tumour. I did not feel the right side so enlarged. I came to the conclusion that I had discovered what I then believed to be a cancer of the spleen, co-existing with and consequent upon cancer of the liver.

As she was suffering much from nausea, with acid eructations, I prescribed the following :

R Bicarb. Potassæ, ℥ii.  
 Acidi Hydrocyanici Diluti, ʒss.  
 Tinct. Calumbæ, ʒiiss.  
 Aquæ Puræ ad., ʒvi. M.

A tablespoonfull every four hours.