

cotic effects of the drug. In any event, my professional brethren have no reason to yield to discouragement should they hereafter be required to treat a similar case, unaccompanied with an apparatus, which, however confessedly valuable and important, cannot be said to be *absolutely indispensable*. And although this remark is not by any means intended as an apology for a deliberate rejection of its aid, yet the case now brought under notice affords sufficient proof that, in its unavoidable absence, a perseverance in the most simple means may, under the Divine blessing, be attended with complete success.

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CASE OF ERYSIPELAS, WITH REMARKS.

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The following case of Erysipelas of the throat, face, and scalp, will be found, I think, interesting, in regard to the seat, and severity of the local symptoms by which the patient's life was placed in the most imminent danger. Different plans of both general and local treatment having been recommended by writers of authority for this disease, and their respective merits being by no means settled, it is the duty, therefore, of every member of the profession to contribute, fairly and impartially, whatever cases may come under his observation, bearing on any such *verata questio*.

On the 23rd January last, at 6 p. m., was called to D. B—, aged 36; robust, temperate, and health in general good; by occupation a builder. States that at ten o'clock this morning, on entering a neighbour's office, he felt the room oppressively warm, and on opening the door to cool it, he became chilly. A few hours afterwards was calling at a friend's, who remarked that his face was unnaturally red, which he himself felt unusually warm. He now has a slight headache, and a feeling of general languor; tongue slightly furred, skin dry, without much fever. Solution of muriate of morphia, half a drachm; solution of antimony, one drachm; camphor mixture, one ounce—mix and take immediately. Mustard pediluvium. Warm drinks. Three colocynth and calomel pills at bed time.

24th.—Slept some, but did not perspire; more feverish, headache; bowels not being opened, took, of his own accord, this morning, a dose of castor oil. Ordered an emetic. Seven p. m.—Still feverish; bowels moved. Nitrate of potash; muriate of ammonia, of each ten grains; solution of antimony, half a drachm; camphor mixture, one ounce—mix and take every four hours.

25th.—No decided alteration. Headache, skin not perspirable; mixture appears acting on the bowels.

Complains of general uncomfortable feeling, which appears muscular. Continue mixture, with the addition of three drops of tincture of opium to each dose.

26th.—More feverish. Complains of throat being sore, which is red. Continue mixture, without the tincture of opium, every three hours. To use an astringent gargle frequently.

27th.—Was called to him at two a. m., on account of excruciating pain which he suffered, shooting from throat to left ear. The parotid was swollen; the tonsils, velum, uvula, and pharynx, were intensely red and greatly swollen, especially the latter, which was twice its natural size. He had much difficulty in swallowing and breathing; spoke in a hoarse whisper, and was obliged to sit in an arm chair on account of dyspnoea. Pulse 132 of good strength. Took twenty ounces of blood from his arm. Scarified tonsils and uvula. Ordered lintseed poultice to throat. Tartrate of antimony, four grains; nitrate of potash, one drachm; water, four ounces—mix, give a tablespoon full every half hour till sickness supervenes. Eight a. m.—Respiration and deglutition still difficult. Is unable to lie in bed on account of dyspnoea; very restless; bowels moved freely by mixture. Pulse still good. Took sixteen ounces more blood from his arm. Ordered six leeches to be applied to his throat. Mixture to be continued every two hours. To use a sugar of lead and opium gargle for throat, and an inhaler. Seven p. m.—Bowels opened frequently; breathes and swallows rather easier. Continue mixture every fourth hour.

28th.—I was called to him at five a. m., on account of swelling of the nose which prevented his breathing freely; found him much alarmed, sneeiderian membrane swollen, and the continuous skin, for half an inch on each side of nose, having a distinct erysipelatous appearance, evidently extending; he also complained of general headache, especially over frontal sinuses. Cleared out nostrils, and applied two leeches to sneeiderian membrane, which bled freely. Directed sugar of lead and opium wash to be applied warm to nose externally. Eleven a. m.—Has found great relief from leeching and lotion, headach and difficulty of respiration much alleviated. Erysipelas spreading on face. Omit mixture. Continue lotion, Soda water for drink.

29th, ten a. m.—Passed a restless night, feels weak; says he is sinking. Pulse 140, small and fluttering. Complains still of throat. Besides his sago gruel to have beef tea. Carbonate of ammonia, five grains; camphor mixture, two ounces—mix, take every fourth hour. Gargle. Continue lotion.

30th, ten a. m.—Pulse stronger and more regular. Is troubled with an uncomfortable feeling at stomach, like