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### ABSTRACT OF A CLINICAL LECTURE ON A REMARKABLE CASE OF AB- SCISS OF THE DURA MATER AND BRAIN, FOLLOWING A BLOW ON THE HEAD.

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The patient, a well built healthy looking young man, at twenty-one, came into the out patient room of King's College Hospital, November 5th, 1878, complaining of sore throat, thirst, anorexia, headache and dizziness. He occasionally drank hard; got drunk four days before; been ill three days; had vomited. Ten days before had, as he stated, been struck on the head by a brick. Tongue coated, skin hot and moist, faced flushed, pulse 100, temperature 102, bowels confined. In the evening, temperature 105; fell to 102 during night, and remained at 102 for the rest of the next day (November 6th). November 7th, temperature 99.6, a.m. 102.6. November 8th, temperature normal a.m., 101 p.m. On the 9th the morning temperature was 97.2, and remained between this and normal for two days. He had perspired profusely, and his back was covered with an unusually dark and spotty sudamual eruption. Had also at times been a little drowsy. At the end of first week appeared convalescent; no headache, tongue clean, pulse 68, temperature normal. Nov. 12th, p.m., temperature 101.6. Nov. 13th, a.m., 98.2; p.m., 103. Nov. 14th, a.m., 102; p.m., 102.8. Nov. 15th, a.m., 101; p.m., 103. Nov. 16th, a.m., 100.4; p.m., 103.2; Nov. 17th, a.m., 100.6; p.m., 104.2.

This was the culminating point of a second febrile paroxysm. Then followed a second remission or intermission, and during the next three days the temperature fell steadily.

Nov. 18th, temperature, a.m., 98.8; p.m., 102.4. Nov. 19th, temperature, a.m., 100.8; p.m., 102. Nov. 20th, temperature, a.m., 98.2; p.m., 99.

During this second paroxysm of fever he slept well, but sweated very freely at night. Pulse from 80 to 112, rising and falling with temperature. Tongue moist, and but slightly coated.

Nov. 21st, temperature, a.m., 98.2; p.m., 100.6. Nov. 22nd, temperature, a.m., 97.4; p.m., 98. Remission of three days. Nov. 23rd, temperature, a.m., 98.8; p.m., 101.2. Pain in left elbow-joint, which soon became swollen. It could not have been pyæmic. It disappeared completely with warm fomentations, and subsequently blistering two inches above the joint, which, at the autopsy, was found perfectly healthy. The temperature from Nov. 24th to Dec. 20th ranged as follows:—Nov. 24th, a.m., 98; p.m., 100.6. Nov. 25th, a.m., 100.2; p.m., 100.2. Nov. 26th, a.m., 100.2; p.m., 100.6. Prescribed quinine, three grains *ter die*. Nov. 27th, a.m., 99.2; p.m., 101.4. Nov. 28th, a.m., 99.2; p.m., 100.4. Nov. 29th, a.m., 99.4; p.m., 99.4. Nov. 30th, a.m., 100; p.m., 101.8. Quinine to be taken four times a day. Dec. 1st, a.m., 98.4; p.m., 98.4. Dec. 2nd, a.m., 98.2; p.m., 97.4. Dec. 3rd, a.m., 98.4; p.m., 98.8. Dec. 4th, a.m., 98.2; p.m., 98.4. During the last four days patient felt well; tongue clean, appetite good, elbow less swollen and painful, slept well. No headache for three weeks. Much emaciated. Dec. 5th, a.m., 99.6; p.m., 100; pulse 120. Dec. 6th, a.m., 100; p.m., 99.8. Dec. 7th, a.m., 99.6; p.m., 99.8. Dec. 8th, a.m., 99; p.m., 99.6. Dec. 9th, a.m., 98; p.m., 97.6. Now occurred another sudden rise of temperature, although he was taking quinine fifteen grains a day. Dec. 10th, a.m., 102.2; p.m., 102.6; complained of headache; quinine stopped; ordered salicylate of soda, twenty grains, three times a day. Dec. 11th, a.m., 99.6; p.m., 102. Dec. 12th, a.m., 101; p.m., 102.6. Dec. 13th, a.m., 97.6; p.m., 102.4. Dec. 14th, a.m., 100.4; p.m., 103.4. Dec. 15th, a.m., 101.4; p.m., 103.2. Dec. 16th, a.m., 104.2; p.m., 102.6. During last three days the rise of temperature accompanied by occipital headache and anorexia. Dec. 17th, a.m., 101.2; p.m., 103.6. Dec. 18th, a.m., 100.6; p.m., 101.4. The evening of this day he complained a little of intolerance of light. Dec. 19th, a.m., 100.2; p.m., 99.6. Pain in right side of head and right eye. Dec. 20th, a.m., 100; p.m., 98.8. Here the pyrexial stage ended. The temperature had been going