

stomach pump; when we had injected forty-eight ounces the pain became so great that we were compelled to desist. As soon as the pressure which was being made upon the perineum was removed about six ounces came away. 7 p.m. Found it impossible to count the radial pulse. Patient complained of great pain in the region of the heart. Ordered stimulating enemata, and gave an injection of morphia.

Jan. 29. Mrs. B. died about 11 p.m. yesterday. In connection with the family history I should have said that Mrs. B. lost a sister five years ago, the symptoms in the two cases being almost identical.

Patient's tongue has been fairly normal throughout, abdomen tympanitic, and urine scanty but otherwise normal.

*Post mortem.* With Dr. S. examined the thoracic and abdominal viscera; lungs normal, a few old pleuritic adhesions, heart abnormally small, walls thin and fatty, liver, stomach, and kidneys healthy; spleen atrophied. Small intestines contained some of the water injected yesterday; found the jejunum and upper two-thirds of the ileum very much dilated, being equal in size with the normal colon. Four feet of the lower end of the ileum were very much contracted, on cutting across this portion of the intestine it was found that the tip of the little finger was with difficulty inserted, the intestinal wall being slightly thickened. The corresponding portion of the mesentery was very much thickened, principally by the deposit of fat, and in places would be three-sixteenths of an inch in thickness. The large intestine was normal as far as the rectum, the upper four inches of which presented the same appearance as the lower portion of the ileum, and past this contraction during life we had found it impossible to pass the tube of the stomach pump.

### VIOLA TRICOLOR IN A CASE OF CHRONIC ECZEMA.

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Mr. F. G. was in Manitoba for a number of years, I think from 1872 till 1879. During his stay there he became a victim to a very

severe attack of eczema which obstinately resisted treatment. General and local means had been most diligently employed for a period of nearly two years and with no apparent improvement. The disease was mainly seated on the face, and the intense itching and burning pain was almost unendurable. There was great disfigurement. The skin very thick and infiltrated, was deeply fissured in many places. The whole condition was that of great chronicity. There had been formerly a great deal of exudation, but latterly a rather dry and scaly state of the skin.

All other modes of treatment were abandoned and the patient directed to use daily an infusion of *viola tricolor*, made by steeping two drachms in ten ounces of warm water. In a week a very active condition made its appearance. The skin began to discharge a great amount of serum, and there was more inflammatory action. The remedy was then discontinued for a short time, a mild saline diuretic one being substituted in its place. The *viola tricolor* was again ordered in much smaller doses, about forty grains every day, infused as above. This was continued for about six weeks. The treatment began on the 3rd of January, and dropped on the 1st of March. The general health has improved a good deal and the appearance of the skin is very favorable. There is still a slight tendency to scaling on various parts; but the perspiration is now pretty free over the entire surface of the body. I determined to rely wholly upon the *viola* and use no local applications. Large doses were at first given with a view to excite activity in the skin, this having been accomplished, the remedy was intermitted for a little while and then much less given.

The patient now sleeps well and enjoys a state of comfort unknown for several years. He is about sixty and of lymphatic turn. His health, however, had always been good up to the time of the present attack. His habits have been quite steady and no irregularities in diet could be assigned for the outbreak.

VICTOR THEODOR JUNOD, the well-known inventor of "Junod's Boot," and various cupping glasses, is dead, at the age of 78.