

if suspected to be assumed, may be recognized by the actual cautery. A soldier, named Drake, had resisted all applications, but on hearing of the hot iron, rose up and acknowledged the fraud. Another, Phineas Adams, remained from the 26th. April to the 8th. July 1811, in a state of feigned insensibility, resisting all violent and powerful means, and even the operation of scalping ; and having in consequence obtained his discharge, he was seen, two days after, carrying a heavy load on his back to his father's house. Extacies and possessions are now considered impossible.

Nostalgia, or *Maladie du pays*, frequently occurs in the military, from an ardent desire of returning home. Though an imaginary disease, it may occasion by its long duration a real disease ; and should therefore be attended to. But false myopia, or near-sightedness, which is sometimes induced by wearing convex glasses, may according to Fodéré, be ascertained by presenting an open book, close to the nose, even with the aid of glasses used by near-sighted persons, and the impostor will not be able to read. Artificial ophthalmia arrives at its acmé within a few hours after the application of an acrid substance. Feigned blindness is difficult of detection. In amaurosis, a dilated and fixed state of the pupil, does not always attend. Deafness may also be ascertained by a careful examination. The celebrated Sicard discovered the fraud of a pretended deaf and dumb, who said he had been instructed at his school, and who had always escaped the minutest research, on reading a letter written with his own hand. The following is a specimen : "*Je jur de vandieux ma mer et né en Nautriche, quhonduit (pour conduit) essepoïse (pour espoir) torre (pour tort) ; ru S. Honoret, jui tas present (pour j'étais présent) ; jean porte en core les marque (pour j'en porte encore les marques)*". This man wrote from sound, while the deaf and dumb write only as they see, and he knew that the sound of the gutturals *q* and *c* was similar.