

better than by any mineral or other agent we can employ, at the same time its application is unattended by any inconvenience.

It is simply an alcoholic solution of Iodine, thus, take of Iodine, 3j; Iodide of Potassium, 3ss; Alcohol, ʒj; solve. Paint the diseased parts every day or on alternate days; omitting it for a day or two if the skin becomes sore, then resume it and continue the application until the disease has disappeared.

As yet I have met with no case which has resisted steady treatment of this kind, neither do I believe that I am likely to do so.

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ART. XXVII.—*Resection of the Elbow Joint.* By JOHN R. DICKSON, M.D.,  
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Cornelius O'Brien, twenty years of age, of rather a flaccid temperament, was admitted into the Kingston General Hospital on the 12th of May, 1856.

He was labouring under chronic inflammation of the left elbow joint, occasioned by falling on the ice, on the 8th of April preceding. He had been under treatment elsewhere, previous to his admission to the hospital.

The joint itself was very much swollen. The pain of which he complained, was deep seated, and very much aggravated by the slightest motion. His general health was impaired, and he was just recovering from the effects of a drunken frolic, to which, he attributed the present condition of his elbow, as though it was swollen and painful previously, yet, not nearly to the same extent as on admission. A dose of calomel and rhubarb was given him, and hot fomentations and poultices applied to the elbow. A generous diet was also ordered.

During the month of June and early part of July his health improved, and the pain and swelling of the joint was so much mitigated, that he left the hospital on the 14th of the latter month.

He resumed his former habits of dissipation, which soon told injuriously on his local malady. He then placed himself under the charge of a quack, who, he said, rubbed his arm very assiduously with British oil, and afterwards applied a blister.

He presented himself again at the hospital, and was re-admitted on the 24th of July.

The arm was then very much swollen, the skin tense and shining, he complained of extreme pain in the joint, where fluctuation was quite evident. An incision was made which gave vent to a large quantity of pus, the arm was then enveloped in a warm linseed meal poultice; this afforded great relief, but several openings had to be made, as pus was diffused in the areolar tissue about the joint.

An examination confirmed the suspicion that the condyles of the humerus were in a condition of caries; although local relief was afforded, his health was not improved. Hectic symptoms soon appeared and emaciation was very great.

Quinine, iron, and a nutritious diet were prescribed; he was also allowed 6 oz. daily of (his accustomed stimulus) brandy. A marked improvement in his