

per-sulphate of iron exists, we should be very certain of their inability to cure and their futility before we throw them aside.

I think the reason of the want of success in the treatment of this tumor by electrolysis was from its deep connection in the orbit, and not being able by its means to—I may say—destroy the balance of power in the tumor. If I had only done what Erichsen and Gross recommend, that is, introduced a few drops at a time, I believe the iron solution would have been equally unsuccessful in effecting a cure; but I freely broke up the structure of the tumor before injecting the fluid, and then injected as much as I could get to unite as a coagulant with the blood. The syringe I used held one drachm, and I filled this twice, half of which returned back. There is one thing now I would wish to remark, that of the difficulty of introducing the needle. From the great constricting power of the iron, one would think he was driving the needle into a piece of board, but I think this can be readily prevented by first dipping the needle, prior to introduction, into a weak solution of potash or ammonia, which will neutralize the iron solution adhering to the needle. Then freely break up the tumor and inject as much iron solution as it will hold, or until it begins to run back again.

By the foregoing means, I believe a coagulum will be formed outside the vessels (not *in*, as according to Holmes), pressing on those structures, and so bringing on local sphacelus of the part.

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METHOD OF USING THE PLASTER OF PARIS BANDAGE.

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The use of the plaster of Paris bandage in the treatment of fracture has of late received so much attention in medical periodicals that the readers of the *Lancet* may bear with a few hints on the method of using it—the more so as this part of the subject is generally omitted in the articles published in the journals.

The material used is good plaster of Paris finely powdered. It is said that the addition of a small quantity of common salt and powdered gum arabic is an improvement, but I have always