

medica in future to have to class strychnine among the narcotico-acrid poisons. It is a most powerful irritant poison or cerebro-spinant, and it does not possess one atom of narcotic power.

I think, in conclusion, it will be conceded that the train of symptoms, as revealed in the three cases, points to aconite as the poison really ingested. I think it unnecessary to recapitulate all the negative signs (*quoad* this case,) by which poisoning by digitalis would, of necessity, have been characterized.

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Case of Artificial Anus, the result of a gun-shot wound. By HERBERT S. TEW, M.D., Assistant House Surgeon and Apothecary to the Montreal General Hospital.

Duncan Cameron, aged 34 years, of medium height, a muscular well proportioned man, was admitted into Hospital on the 27th December, under the care of Dr. Fenwick, suffering from the results of a gun-shot wound. It appears that on the 28th November previous, while on their return from deer hunting, he and his companions sat down to rest. Cameron was sitting on the ground, resting on his left arm, which bent his body over to the right side, which was uppermost; he was about four yards from one of his companions, who had his gun resting across his knees. While in this position, the gun accidentally exploded, and the contents entered Cameron's right side about $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches above the crest of the ilium, carrying before it the points of the two lower ribs, passing through the ascending colon. Following a course upwards and backwards, it passed out of the back to the right of the spinal column, on a line with the spinous process of the last dorsal vertebra. The gun (an old musket) was loaded with three balls, or slugs. There are two distinct points of entrance, the upper opening has cicatrized, the lower, which opened into the bowel, is still patent, though daily lessening in size. The point of exit is seven inches from the point of entrance, and there exists an ulcer about the size of the palm of the hand, rather deep and excavated, but which is granulating and healthy in appearance, although the discharge of pus is considerable which is exciting a baneful influence on his constitution. There is a small spicula of bone bare,—a portion of one of the ribs,—but which is firmly attached, and is keeping up the irritation and discharge. At the time of the accident there was very trifling hemorrhage; nor did he suffer subsequently from fever nor symptoms of peritoneal inflammation. The margin of the wound in the intestine has united to the edge of the external orifice by adhesive inflammation; air, fluid contents,