

At eight o'clock in the morning a very decided change for the better was noticed. She could sit up straight in the chair instead of crouching forward. Her breathing was much relieved, and the shoulders did not move as before. The pulse had fallen to 120, and every beat was marked and perceptible. It was now felt without difficulty in the left arm. The eyes appeared to have a brighter expression, and the lips were less livid.

It appeared on looking at the bottles that four drachms of the tincture of digitalis had been given during the night, and a little more than that quantity of the tincture of muriate of iron. As only ten doses of the digitalis had been given, the twenty drops in each dose must have contained twenty-four minims.

The dose of digitalis was now given only every three hours during the day (19th,) still combined with the muriated tincture. Eggs and milk were now given to relieve the monotony of the beef tea. In the evening she was found resting her head on the pillow with a stronger and slower pulse. Each dose of digitalis produced a feeling of drowsiness. A number of fine punctures were made in both legs with a small needle, and warm flannels applied. A quantity of fluid drained away from these punctures during the night.

20th. Has slept comfortably in her chair. Pulse 110; regular and without intermission. The digitalis was now given only every six hours, and the muriated tincture of iron discontinued.

The strength now seemed sufficiently restored to admit of purgatives, and two drops of Croton oil were given and followed up by several doses of bitartrate of potash.

22nd. Swelling very much reduced in the extremities. Breathing very much easier. Has slept well during the night. The dose of digitalis was now reduced to ten drops.

23rd. Slept in her bed last night very comfortably. The bitartrate of potash is still kept up every three hours, and is acting well on the kidneys.

There is a still greater diminution in the swelling of the legs.

It is unnecessary to chronicle the further progress of the case. A febrile attack was subsequently relieved, and from that date convalescence was steady. On the 5th August she had been walking in the open air.

An examination of the heart made on the 31st July, revealed the following condition:—*INSPECTION*. Undue bulging in the cardiac region. Heart's apex beat opposite sixth rib. Impulse perceptible to the eye over more extended surface.—*Percussion*. Superficial dulness more extended in transverse direction.—*Palpitation*. Valvular thrill well marked—Impulsion rather heaving.