

ligament, situated at the opening into the joint; granulations look weak. Ordered the poultice to be mixed with infusion of sumack.

13th.—Sloughs all separated, and no discharge from the joint; wound looks clean, the posterior part, for about an inch, covered with a pellicle of new skin; granulations, being high, were touched lightly with caustic, and lint, saturated with the red wash, applied to the wound. The abscess on the inner side of the ankle pointed; it was freely opened, and discharged a sanæous pus; compresses were applied over the sides of the abscess; the foot was drawn to the outside by a long wide plaster, and the edges of the wound approximated.

14th.—Patient can move his toes, and is ordered to practice movement twice a day, if no irritation ensues.

18th.—The edges of the wound are approximated, by means of plasters, each day; it looks very healthy, and the joint is closed; no tenderness on the inner side of the ankle; compresses removed. The patient moves his toes back and forth about an inch; also, can move them inward and outward slightly. Ordered to practice all the natural movements of the joint.

July 8th.—The wound is entirely healed; all the natural movements of the joint have been steadily practiced, and frictions applied to the foot and leg. There is some œdema of the foot and leg, especially in the evening, after resting it on the floor, which the patient does often, in order to habituate it to the position. The patient goes about on crutches. Ordered a bandage to be applied to the foot and ankle, and to practice, while standing, to place the injured foot behind the other, and touch the heel to the floor.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of the Canada Medical Journal:

GENTLEMEN,—If you think the following remarks deserving of an insertion in your periodical, they are at your service.

Among the many annoyances and disappointments to which the medical practitioner is subject, none are of more frequent occurrence than the treatment of cutaneous diseases; and amongst these Eczema, called by the laity Rife, so common to infants in this country, stands pre-eminent. During many years I employed various modes of treatment, recommended in books, and met only with disappointment; until at last I adopted a mode of treatment of my own, since which,