

aged 30, tall and of moderate fulness; is in the sixth month of second pregnancy; has usually enjoyed good health; but three years ago had a very severe attack of small pox, though she had undergone vaccination. I obtained the following history:—

On Friday, 2nd.—She felt indisposed; indisposition continued through Saturday and Sunday, but she was well enough to go to church on the evening of the latter day. On returning, however, she felt much worse, and went to bed early. On Monday, she lay all day, took a dose of salts which operated. On Tuesday, it was noticed that she was yellow; one of her friends observing that she looked as if she had the jaundice. She commenced vomiting, which continued until I saw her, when the irritability of stomach was extreme. Her bowels had not been open since Tuesday; countenance distressed, skin and eyes of a deep yellow (so deep as to induce her friend to ask if she had not the *black* jaundice), urine deep brownish red and scanty; complains when pressure is made at scrob. cordis, and along edge of right ribs. Pulse of natural frequency and soft, skin of natural temperature, tongue clean, *no headache*, quite calm and intelligent, describes her feelings perfectly, and says she could sleep all the time; she sat up in bed to allow of better inspection; vomits drink immediately, but says it does not return bitter.

Ordered effervescing drink from time to time; also a few drops of laudanum and sp. ammon. arom. after each vomiting; also a pill of colocynth and gamboge at night.

Friday, 9th, 10, A.M.—Early in the last evening, became irritable; refused to take the medicines; finally became delirious; wishing to get out of bed; is now lying drowsy; disinclined to move, or to be disturbed; pulse scarcely more than natural, soft and compressible; no heat of head; vomiting ceased about midnight; no stool; passed no water; does not seem to be conscious of tenderness along the ribs; can be roused with some difficulty. I administered the pill, and gave her a drink of water after it; she said she had swallowed it. Ordered enema.

12, Noon.—Saw her with Dr. Hall; nearly comatose; seemed irritated when moved, and resisted; turned herself suddenly in the bed; got her to put out her tongue, which appeared clean, except that the semi-liquified pill—not having been swallowed—formed a coating on one side, shewing her insensibility; head no warmer than natural; pupils contracted; face not flushed, and carotids not hard; pulse 112, of moderate fulness, but very compressible; surface generally warm; no vomiting; no stool, or urine.

About 18 oz. of blood were taken; hair cut close; head to be wetted