

red body of the size of a pea having a granulated structure. In the chest, the heart, lungs and large blood vessels, sound; *thymus gland, very much enlarged*; might weigh more than two ounces. On cutting into it a quantity of thick brownish matter escaped, resembling ill conditioned pus.

*Case. 2.* James Neilson, ætat. 13 months, died suddenly after having breakfasted heartily on porridge. The child was playing upon the ground, when the mother happened to tread upon one of its fingers, which excited a strong disposition to cry. The countenance became livid, and after one or two short convulsive efforts at inspiration, the legs and arms trembled, the lip quivered, and in a minute or two he expired. The mother had observed for some time previous that when the child cried vehemently, it was frequently attacked with lividity of countenance, broken and impeded respiration.

*Sectio Cadaveris.*—Heart natural, no blood or coagulable lymph found in the auricles, or ventricles. Foramen ovale and ductus arteriosus completely closed. Lungs natural, and all the vascular apparatus of the chest, with the exception of the large veins in its upper part, as well as the branches which extended into the neck were as much distended with blood, as if a ligature had been thrown round the descending aorta. The *thymus gland* was greatly enlarged, might weigh between two and three ounces, in some part slightly indurated. On cutting it, a considerable quantity of matter, of a creamy consistence and purulent appearance, though rather more of a bluish white colour than pus, made its escape. Head not examined.

Some other cases are related by Mr. H. which do not seem to be properly associated with the foregoing; the last is, however, too interesting to be passed over in silence. *Case*—David Allison, Weaver, ætat 60, had hitherto enjoyed good health, till some cause of merriment strongly excited his risibility. After the cause of mirth had ceased, he continued