

therefore visible, does not form under a period of 12 months. It is therefore only observed in cases where the disease has been long outlived. These calcareous cysts, however, are capable of ready solution in the gastric juice, and the worms soon become active even after years of dormant existence. The varying character of these cysts, may probably determine the period at which characteristic symptoms declare themselves. In those cases where the worms are to any extent in a free and un-encysted condition we may expect these symptoms to be manifested in a much shorter period than when encysted, and probably be accompanied with more gastric irritation. It is also possible that some of these, young as they are, enter the muscle in an impregnated condition. Cases in which pork has contained myriads of old encysted *Trichinæ* have been well studied in Germany and in New-York, and it is hoped that these Montreal cases will contribute to our knowledge of the disease, in an earlier and less formidable stage of development.

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The present era of the world is emphatically an era of progress, an era of growth and development, an era in which the human mind having emancipated itself from the trammels which had so long fettered its free action, having thrown aside the narrow views and prejudices of former ages, having burst asunder the barriers which false notions of men and things had reared, has at length begun to think for itself in every department of knowledge.

Mankind had long enough submitted with servile obedience to dogmas which a wider range of investigation had proved to be fallacious. The cobwebs of error were at length to be swept away from the wall and the freed intellect, raised to its true position, was to soar aloft on the pinions of its own innate capacities to a nobler height than was ever dreamt of in the wildest dreams of the old philosophers.

From amid the mouldering graves of older thoughts and older ideas a new light was to burst forth upon the earth, an edifice of fairer and more majestic proportions was to be erected, which combining the pure logic of the Aristotillian school with the progressive spirit of the Moderns, was to open up new avenues of enterprise to every condition of human life, and scatter blessings along the pathway of every one who honestly endeavoured to grasp them.