

the favorable cauterizing effect of the salt. Small doses as recommended by Gros—or clysters given at long intervals, are uncertain, and delay the cure. These means are to be continued—so long as stools appear—one to three days. Afterwards an emulsion of castor oil is necessary. The patient must be kept in bed, and his diet regulated.—*British Medico-Chirurgical Review*, January, 1864.

A CASE OF TRAUMATIC TETANUS TREATED BY ACONITE AND NICOTINE.

The following case occurred under the care of Mr. Cam, at the Hereford Infirmary :—

Thomas L——, aged 37, a gentleman's servant, on the 20th of Feb. last met with an accident from a thrashing-machine, which deprived him of the index, and portions of the middle and ring fingers of the left hand, the laceration extending about an inch into the dorsum and palm. The wound had been dressed by a Surgeon, and he was admitted into the Infirmary on February 22, when the sutures were removed and replaced by adhesive plaster. He was in his usual health, and the hand looked well.

On March 1, the tenth day after the injury, he complained of stiffness between the shoulders, and on the 3rd took to his bed. He was then flushed and perspiring, and troubled with dyspnoea. A dose of calomel and colocynth was administered, and a free evacuation of the bowels followed. On the evening of the next day (4th) the stiffness had extended to the jaw, and he had had some muscular twitches. Two grains of calomel and a quarter of a grain of opium were given every four hours during the night.

5th.—This morning the symptoms were much more marked, the teeth were clenched, the corners of the mouth retracted, giving to the countenance a peculiar smile; the cervical muscles rigid and prominent; lumbar and abdominal muscles hard. He had pain at the pit of the stomach extending to the back, and frequent but not severe opisthotonic spasm; deglutition not seriously impaired; the skin was bathed in perspiration; pupils contracted; pulse 120; respiration 34 per minute; mind calm, and free from extreme anxiety. Wine and beef-tea *ad libitum* were ordered, and half a grain of extract of cannabis indica given every three hours, the dose being increased to a grain hourly, and finally to two grains.

6th.—He had a bad night; the spasms continue, especially on the approach of sleep. Ordered eight minims of Fleming's tincture of acon-