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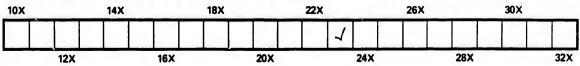


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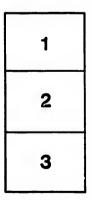
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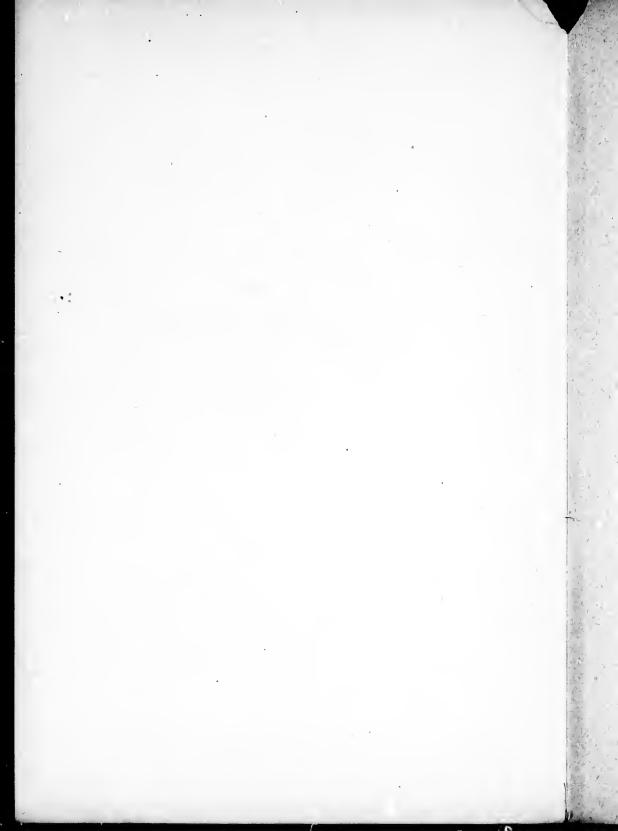
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This case is of interest mainly from its rarity, the disease itself presenting no unusual features. In hospital practice, where the great bulk of patients comes from the poorer classes, it is not unusual to meet with acute pleurisy with effusion in the out-patient department. Several times I have been consulted for "shortness of breath and slight cough" of a few days duration and found one pleural cavity almost completely filled with fluid. Pneumonia, or at least that form which sets in abruptly with a severe chill, met with during adult life is extremely rarely encountered in an out-patient hospital practice. The following are briefly the particulars of the case.

N. M., aged 49, born in Ireland, a wood carver by trade, came to the Out patient Department of the Montreal General Hospital on Oct. 23rd, 1896, complaining of cough with slight expectoration and general malaise. Inquiry into the history of the disease revealed the fact that it had been induced by a severe wetting which he got on Oct 18th. On the morning of the 19th he rose as usual at 4 a.m., but shortly after had a severe chill lasting one hour and followed by pain in the side. During the day he took to bed and at night cough and expectoration set in. During the following day, Oct. 20th, he remained in bed, but on the 21st got up and sat about the house "not feeling" as he expressed it "quite able to go to work." On the 23rd feeling that he was not improving he came to the hospital, a distance of over a mile from his home and walked a part of the way.

The personal and family history contained nothing of interest. He had been a hard drinker in his early manhood but had been temperate for a number of years.

On examination the temperature was found to be 101.5°, the pulse 120. The right lung showed dulness from the spine of the scapula down, and at the side and front, corresponding very closely with the lower lobe. Over the dull area there was intense dry blowingbreatning and broncohphony. The vocal fremitus was slightly if any increased. A diagnosis of acute lobar pneumonia was made and the patient advised to remain in the hospital. To this however he

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demurred not feeling as he said that he was "ill enough for it.' After the grave nature of the disease was explained to him, he consented to be admitted but insisted on going home first. which he did. The same afternoon, Oct. 23rd, he was admitted to the wards under Dr. Molson and to his resident physician Dr. Mitchell I am indebted for the further history of the case. The temperature shortly after admission, rose to 103° and remained between that and 101° until death occurred on Oct. 28th, the tenth day of the disease. The expectoration was rusty, viscid and contained pneumococci. The urine contained no albumin. On the 26th, two days Lofore death, an area of consolidation was detected in the base of the left lung.

The autopsy, made by Dr. Wyatt Johnston, revealed: Acute lobar pneumonia, total grey hepatization of the right lung with commencing red hepatization of the left lung. Acute bronchitis; chronic right and acute plastic left pleuritis; old apical tuberculosis; spleen large and firm; hogsback kidneys with mixed nephritis and some fatty degeneration; slight cirrhosis of the liver; very marked dilatation and hypertrophy of the heart; polypoid white thrombus of the right ventricle; and slight pulmona; y embolism. r it.' condid. under ebted after until exurine area

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