

19th September.—He slept a few hours during the day ; menthol oil stopped, as after the second time of taking it, he vomited. E. T. 101. He spent a restless night, complaining of his throat feeling very sore. M. T. 100.

20th September.—He dozed during the morning, and took very little food during the day ; unable to swallow, his throat being so sore. In the evening he was again very restless, complaining of his eyes feeling sore, his feet being very painful, and the eruption itching very much. Ointment was applied to those parts, and his feet bathed in hot water. E. T. 102. He spent a very restless night ; at times he was delirious, talking about his work, that he must get up, his fellow-workman had been in to call him, &c. He made several attempts to get out of bed, and "get out of the door he must." During our attempts to keep him in bed the night-watchman came in. He tried to persuade him in many ways to lie down and rest, but it was of no use ; he cried most pitifully, "I must go." At last the night-watchman said, "Would he rest if he went for a suit of his own clothes?" He then was contented, and lay quietly down. That was about three a.m. M. T. 101.

21st September.—He was delirious, but not violent. He imagined his children were making a noise ; would call to them to stop. Eruption on face and body pustular ; taken very little food. E. T. 101.

He dozed at times through the night, and was not conscious. M. T. 101.

22nd September.—He was still unconscious, refusing to take any food ; but with a lot of persuading took a little. In the evening, still delirious, talking incessantly. E. T. 102.

He had very little sleep during the night. M. T. 102.

23rd September.—He had slight conjunctivitis in both eyes ; solution of atropine was dropped on both eyes. The left side of his neck was swollen more than usual. Pulv. cretæ aromatic. paint discontinued. E. T. 103.

He spent a quiet night, but had no sleep, and was still delirious. M. T. 104.

Eruption drying on face, but on body still pustular.

24th September.—He had quinine given him every four hours ; eruption drying on body. He was still unconscious. E. T. 103.

He dozed at times during the night ; taking very little food. M. T. 101.

25th September.—The eruption drying on body very slowly. Symptoms of back appearing to be very sore, and eruption bursting from the feet appearing like gangrene. He was washed daily with solution of permanganate of potash ; back and feet were dressed with boracic acid ointment.

Atropine stopped for eyes, and castor oil substituted. E. T. 100.

He slept a little during the night, not conscious, but quite quiet. M. T. 99.

26th September.—Patient was conscious for the first time since the 20th September. He then began to improve quickly. A custard was added to his diet. Scabs began falling off body. They form after the pustules discharge their contents. Eyes getting well.

He was able to sit out of bed a short time in the morning, and use a foot-bath.

His feet and back improved rapidly till the 8th of October, on which date he was dressed, and sat up for the first time. His feet were entirely healed, and body clear, except a boil on the back of the neck, which had been lanced. They are common about the body in a bad case of small-pox.

He had not been up many days, and had his sick diet changed to ordinary, when he had a relapse. He complained of great pain in the abdomen, head aching very much, and vomiting. His temperature was 103. He was ordered to bed again. Hot flannels were applied to the abdomen, and he was not allowed to take anything but soda water and milk. After a few days he again recovered.

The relapse our Doctor spoke of as being caused by over-eating. It is surprising to see the quantity of food taken by patients, if allowed, during convalescence from a severe attack of small-pox.

Again, speaking of the eyes being syringed, great care has to be taken to keep them clean, as a large quantity of discharge may collect in them, which, if not removed, helps to cause corneal ulcers. In cases where menthol oil is used, the eruption modifies much sooner than those without it. In this case, patient only taking two doses, the eruption modified slowly.

Patients suffer very much from soreness of the throat ; they are unable to swallow without difficulty. The soreness of the throat is caused by the eruption on the tongue, palate, and tonsils.

Pulv. cretæ aromatic. mixed with water, used for the face, hands, and arms, generally reduces the swelling of the tissues, which, in a severe case, is common, and makes the patient quite unrecognizable. In this case we found it of very little use, as the patient, being delirious so long, would rub it off ; or imagined, when we attempted to paint him, we were doing him some harm. In ordinary discrete, as well as in confluent, small-pox, the pustules run through all their stages, unless the disease should be cut short by the patient's death. In modified small-pox, they sometimes die away in the vesicular stage, and sometimes

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