

wards the end of October the excitement began to diminish until, in December, nothing remained to remind one of the dangerous mental condition the patient suffered from five months before. At this time all trace of the secondary syphilide had disappeared.

The mind remained healthy until April of the following year, 1871, when the hair of the head, eyebrows, and beard began to fall out. This was attended by gradually increasing mental despondency, which became so intense in July that the patient several times threatened to commit suicide. What the Germans call "paralysis of energy" now clearly manifested itself; and the patient showed great disinclination to leave his bed. From October, 1871, to the beginning of 1873, he seldom left the house. At this time the bodily health was fair, the hair had grown in again, and there was a slow tendency to recovery. By the month of June, 1873, this patient had quite regained both his bodily and mental vigour.

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*Clinical Memoranda.* By GEORGE THOMPSON, M.D., Medical Superintendent, Bristol Asylum.

There is in the Bristol Asylum an idiot girl, E. G., whose arrested mental development seems to be due to hereditary syphilis, as she is blind through interstitial keratitis, and has the well-known notched teeth and imperfectly developed alveolar processes described by Hutchinson. When first admitted, she was the subject of paroxysms of excitement, lasting over several days and nights at a time. The more common sedatives had no effect. Remembering the treatment adopted by my former teacher, Mr. Pridgin Teale, in all cases of hereditary syphilis, whatever form the symptoms had assumed, I gave her 20 min. doses of tincture of Belladonna, which had the effect of cutting short the then existing attack, and, by continuing the treatment, subsequent ones were at first lessened in severity, and then apparently warded off altogether. After discontinuing the treatment, the good effect of the former administration wore off, but at any time three doses of the drug, in the same amount, given in successive hours, relieve the excitement.

Occasionally a case is admitted with scabies. The treatment adopted here is to touch each individual pustule with Tinct. Ferri Perchlor. by means of a camel-hair brush. If carefully applied the disease disappears in a few days.

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*Case of Idiopathic Acute Mania.* By THOMAS A. CHAPMAN, M.D.

S. S., æt. 28. F. Admitted on the 28th July, 1873.

*History.*—No report of hereditary tendency; was some two years ago in very low spirits for some time; this is the only trace reported of a previous attack. The first change denoting present attack occurred three weeks ago, and for two or three days she has been