

R *Ammon. carbon.* ʒi ;  
*Spt. ather. vit.* C. ʒii ;  
*Confect. aromat.* ʒi ;  
*Infus. calumbæ*, ʒviiss. M. Capt.  
 coch. larg. iii. 4tis horis.

To take beef-tea, and cordial nourishment.  
 Two ounces of brandy, in twenty-four hours,  
 in the beef-tea.

Died at two o'clock.

[*Note*.—No account of appearances after death.]

## ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.

### HYDROPHOBIA.

PHILIP STYLES, aged 30, was admitted into Edward's Ward on the 19th of April, under the care of Dr. Williams. It appeared that three months previously, whilst harnessing a dog, the animal, which had seemed dejected and out of health for a few days before, bit him in several places on both hands; it then escaped, and meeting a boy, bit him also in several parts, but was secured without doing further mischief. The man had all the wounds (amounting to seven or eight in number) excised, excepting one near the root of the nail of the ring-finger, on the right hand. Nothing was done for the boy, and, in a few days, symptoms of hydrophobia manifested themselves, and he died decidedly rabid. The dog also, after having been secured, was watched; the patient stated that it showed a depraved appetite, eating its own excrement, foaming at the mouth, and snapping savagely at everything within its reach, and was unable to swallow any fluid, on which account it was killed. The medical gentleman who had excised the wounds of the present patient, saw nothing more of him until the day before his admission into the hospital, when he applied to him with pain and stupor in the head, cramp in different parts of the body, particularly in the legs; there was also a great sense of dryness about the fauces, and difficulty of deglutition. The patient states that he was bled and purged. When admitted, he was labouring under the symptoms above described, but, in addition, complained of great pain and stiffness at the back of the neck. He was still under the influence of the purge. Mr. R. Whitfield ordered him a drachm and a half of tincture of opium, and a blister to the nape of the neck.

April 20. The sense of stiffness and cramp has diminished; his bowels have been purged twice this morning; the motions green, fluid, and offensive; his principal

symptom now, is a violent racking pain at the epigastrium, increased on pressure; on examining, we could discover no enlargement of the salivary glands, but the mouth clammy, and filled with a thick tenacious mucus; he shows no objection to fluid, but, on the contrary, assuages his thirst (which is considerable) with frequent and copious draughts of water. The countenance is flushed, turgid, and livid, and the head is still heavy. It was from the history of the case, rather than from the present symptoms, that Dr. Williams, who saw him for the first time to-day, ordered him *veratri albi gr. iij. quartà quâque horâ*. Towards evening, the pain at the epigastrium had increased, whilst the other symptoms remained as before. Mr. R. Whitfield suspended the hellebore, and ordered twenty leeches to the seat of pain, and saline mixture every four hours.

21. Considerably better; the pain much diminished; has no difficulty of deglutition, nor does he show any of that irritability of the nervous system, which is generally noticed on the approach of hydrophobia; on the contrary, there is rather a tendency to stupor. The history of the case was, therefore, disregarded in the treatment, and the symptoms alone attended to; the bowels were kept relaxed, and the diet low. He continued gradually to improve, and, on the 25th, left the house.

### ANATOMICAL PRIZE AT THE ALDERSGATE STREET SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—There is an error in the table of contents upon the cover of the last number of THE LANCET, with respect to the anatomical prize of the Aldersgate Street Medical School, which I trust to your love of accuracy to correct, without delay. The prize was not given by me, but by Mr. Tyrrell, who, in selecting the questions and leaving it to my able colleague Evans and myself to decide on the answers, acted, you will, I am sure, admit, in conformity with his well-known impartial character, and in accordance with the recommendation you made on this subject in a recent number of your important Journal.

Yours faithfully,

T. KING.

10, Hanover Street, Hanover Square.

May 11, 1830.