III.

PORTION OF BONE LODGED FOR FORTY-EIGHT DAYS IN THE TRACHEA OF AN INFANT.

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On the 20th Sept. last, S. H. S. aged ten months, playing with a bone of a neck of mutton, which the nurse gave her whilst at dinner, put it into her mouth and detached a small portion, about the size of a large marrow-fat pea, which slipped into her windpipe, and produced violent coughing and irritation for about five minutes, when it ceased; leaving a noise in breathing like that produced by a saw. In the course of twenty-four hours, great difficulty of breathing, with constitutional irritation and cough, came on, which was subdued by the usual remedies. The same saw-like noise of breathing and some cough continued, but did not appear to give pain after the fourth day, the child's health and spirits after that time appearing as good as usual, except this constant wheezing.

On the 3d of November, upwards of six weeks after the accident, in consequence of a cold she took from going out into the air, violent irritation in the trachea, with cough, returned. A solution of tartarized antimony was given, and on the 7th, after a dose which produced vomiting and general relaxation, and whilst the nurse was briskly rubbing her throat with a volatile embrocation, the head being bent back over her lap, she was seized with a violent fit of coughing, and threw up the piece of bone, embedded in mucus, which had been retained forty-eight days in the

trachea. Her breathing almost immediately became natural, and the next day she was as well as ever. The piece of bone was very rough, of a triangular shape, the edges quite sharp.—*London Med. Gazette.*

IV.

BOSTON SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL IMPROVEMENT.

*Case of Cerebral Disorganization.
Read to the Society by*

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On the afternoon of the 7th inst., I was called upon to visit the child of a laborer in Pleasant Street. The child, a boy four years and eight months old, had been sick from its birth: but the present difficulty was an incessant coughing, which the mother assured me had existed for at least three hours, without any interval, save a moment's cessation, from apparent exhaustion. To allay this symptom then was my object; which, when my next visit was made, at ten o'clock in the evening, I had the satisfaction of finding was accomplished. The *debility* of the child was so great, I feared it could not survive through the night. It died at five o'clock in the morning.

The following history of the case, together with the post-mortem examination, may not be thought altogether devoid of interest by this Society.

The second and third nights after the birth of the child, its parents were rendered anxious by its restlessness, shown by constant, irregular motions of limbs and frequent startings, as if in pain;—these, however, were re-