of the consultation was in no way beneficial to the patient.

15. Much the same in every respect ; some squill mixture was ordered to relieve the cough, which he said increased the disposition to headach.

17. He has had no fit since the last report, but complains that the headach and pain in the chest continue as severe as ever, and are much increased on his assuming the recumbent posture ; bowels open ; the diet was marked broth and rice pudding.

20. He complains of much pain in the chest which extends laterally from the sternum outwards on each side ; it is increased on inspiration, and is accompanied by a short, dry, harassing cough ; the respiratory murmur is feeble, and the intercostal spaces are tender on pressure ; there is great giddiness on assuming the erect posture, but the stethoscope reveals no abnormal sound about the region of the heart. A blister was ordered to be applied to the chest.

23. The pain in the chest is better, but the giddiness is increased, and he fainted yesterday.

27. The cough is better, and he complains of the surface of the chest being very cold. A compound pitch plaster was ordered to the surface of the chilly part.

29. He left the hospital to-day, the epileptic fits being somewhat diminished in frequency and severity, but the pain in the head remaining almost as inveterate as ever.

PARALYSIS.

John Gunn, aged 43, a painter by trade, was admitted under the care of Dr. Seymour. For the last eight weeks past he has had palsy of one-half of the body. The attack came on very gradually, and was not preceded by any fit. The pulse is very small ; the tongue white and moist ; the bowels open, and the urine natural in every respect. He can walk with a stick, and has some motion of the arm of the affected side, which, however, is very imperfect. To be bled to twelve ounces ; to have broth diet ; a blister to be applied between the shoulder-blades ; three grains of *calomel* every other night, and a *senna draught* early every morning.

Nov. 11. He complains of severe pain and giddiness in the head, which obliges him to go to bed ; the bowels are open ; the pulse natural.

13. Has some incontinence of urine ; ordered to be cupped at the back of the neck to twelve ounces, and to have

Tincture of cantharides, half a drachm ;

Almond mixture, 3 ounces. To be taken three times daily.

15. A fresh attack of palsy this morning of the right side ; pulse very weak ; incontinence of urine. A blister to be applied behind each ear.

16. Right side much better ; the left one

perfectly paralysed still ; extremely restless, and cannot sleep.

Acetate of morphia, $\frac{1}{4}$ of a grain ;

Vinegar, 3 minims ;

Cinnamon-water, 10 drachms. To be taken at bedtime.

17. Better in many respects ; he is able to retain his urine better ; scarce any palsy remains of the right side ; he slept also better last night. The sleeping draught to be repeated, and the dose of morphia to be increased to half a grain, and a *senna draught* to be taken early to-morrow morning.

20. He had a fit in the night of a somewhat epileptical character, as far as we could learn from the description given by the day-nurse, who got her account from the night-nurse. He has paraplegic palsy of the lower extremities, but he is perfectly able to use the arms. Extremely restless, so much so as to require the straight-waist-coat to confine him.

24. He is better in every respect, and is able to move the right leg more freely than he could ; there is no pain in the head, and the bowels are well opened.

27. Pain in the head returned ; his countenance is more anxious, and there is some slight wandering of the intellect. A blister was ordered between the scapulæ.

Dec. 2. Since the last report his mind has evidently become more deranged, and he has now many of the symptoms which go to make up a case of vicious idiotcy, in consequence of which his friends were requested to remove him from the hospital.

QUERY FOR PHRENOLOGISTS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR :—It is a well-known fact, that several of the Indian tribes use various means to flatten the cranium of their children ; this arises from their possessing as strange a notion of the constituents of beauty, as do those fine ladies who consider that ill health is preferable to large waists. As I think the above fact is opposed to the phrenological doctrine, I should feel obliged by any of your correspondents informing me whether the growth of the organs on the top of the head is prevented by the compression, and whether the growth of the organs round the base of the brain is accelerated thereby ; for if the brain were a collection of organs (as phrenologists assume) the compression on the brain would prevent the development of the organs on the coronal surface, whereas the Indian tribes invariably manifest veneration. Yours,

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