ately, and the remainder at the expiration of an hour, if necessary. In about twenty minutes after taking the first portion she felt strong uterine pains, which lasted nearly half an hour, and were followed by the expulsion, to use her own words "of a false conception;" from that time she has had no return of the hæmorrhage, and is now in good health.

Cork, 15th January, 1829.

QUACKERY.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Allow me, in common fairness and justice to myself, to request your attention to the following explanation, in reply to an article signed "M. D.," from Plymouth. The late Mr. G—K—, alluded to in that letter, became a patient of mine, at a moment when every hope of his recovery was declared to have been given up, as you may perceive from his letter to me as follows:—

"Sir,—Although you cannot give me at present any hopes of cure, I am anxious to place myself under your care, exonerating you, at the same time, from any blame in case of a failure, as the faculty have for some time given me up, my lungs being in a tuberculated state.

I am, Sir, &c.
G—K—."

This most amiable young man's life was considerably prolonged by my mode of treatment, and his father has acknowledged the fact in his letters to me. After he had been under my care for some time, I entertained strong hopes of his ultimate recovery; but from his having remained out for several hours on a very wet day, he caught a severe cold, attended with inflammation. Diarrhœa succeeded, the progress of which I arrested, and I had him in my house, not as an exhibition of my skill or success, but as a matter of personal convenience to himself, while under the influence of his recent disorder. While under my care, he expressed an anxious wish to visit his family, and undertook the journey home in the most severe weather, *directly contrary to my advice, and that of his mother.* He promised to return in a few days, and, on his arrival in Plymouth, he wrote to me the following letter:—

"My dear Sir,—I arrived here with less fatigue than I expected; but in case any thing unfortunate should occur, I think it my duty to declare, that the journey was undertaken without your advice, you not considering me perfectly cured. You will, therefore, be perfectly exonerated from any consequences.

Sincerely thanking you for your great kindness to me while under your care, believe me very truly yours.
G—K—."

Does your correspondent, M.D., mean to say that actual infallibility should distinguish my system in every case of the hundreds which come before me? Does he suppose that I should withstand the earnest entreaties of the fiends of my patients, while any chance of life remained?

As to M.D.'s ungentlemanlike remarks about Mr. K. having been invited to my house as a guest, at a time when the diarrhœa was so severe that he could not venture home, surely he can attach nothing criminal to this mark of my attention and regard to a young gentleman whose amiable qualities obtained for him the kind wishes of all who knew him. Let M. D., if he be a man of honour or courage, show his unjustifiable attack on me to Major K., the father of the deceased gentleman, and let that honourable and grateful man tell my defamer, that since the death of his beloved son, he has written a letter full of gratitude and kindness, and acknowledges in it that his son had expressed to the last "his obligation to me for my attentions, and that every thing that could be done had been done for him." I want no favour from M. D.; all I seek for is the plain statement of facts, and I cheerfully and fearlessly challenge the impartial, and honourable investigation of the public and the faculty.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
JOHN ST. JOHN LONG.

41, Harley-street, March 11, 1829.

Mr. John St. John Long, should not write thus while he talks of "*my mode of treatment,*" and while he keeps that treatment a profound secret. Had Mr. St. John Long any means of curing consumption, he would not hesitate to make it known. Concealment in such cases is a bad feature, and, to the well informed, a sufficient proof of HUMBUG.—ED. L.

REMEDY FOR CHILBLAINS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Being severely afflicted with *chilblains*, and having had recourse to the various remedies generally recommended, without benefit, I made a trial of the tincture of iodine. It answered my fullest expectations, for after two or three applications to the affected parts, it restored them to their natural state. As your Journal is widely circulated among the community at large, will you have the goodness to give publicity to this communication.

I am, yours, &c.
HENRY DAY.