

tose state an hour after entering the sick bay, and remained wholly unconscious for six hours, when he died.

The treatment in both cases was stimulant in its nature; more with an effort to get some information for direction than anything else. Neither patient could be roused. In both cases the vital force seemed to lessen gradually and steadily till death supervened.

Dr. Fox, of the Naval Hospital at Chelsea, Dr. Willard, of the Navy Yard, Dr. Potter, of the Ohio, and Dr. Shipley, were in attendance. Neither of them could detect any special symptoms, by any means in their power, against which to direct their treatment. I avoid detail by this comprehensive statement.

Brown was buried intact. Under Dr. Potter's supervision, Drs. Willard and Shipley made a prolonged and careful autopsy of Lewis's body. From his brain to his anus, every organ and every portion of every organ was normal in appearance and condition.

June 15, 1863.

### Army Medical Intelligence.

U. S. GEN. MARINE HOSPITAL, NEW ORLEANS, LA., }  
June 8th, 1863.

At a recent *post-mortem* examination in this Hospital of private McCluskey, 91st N. Y. Vols., I found at the hilus of the spleen a deposit of bony matter, in round bodies, joined together like a bunch of grapes, eight in number, the largest being three fourths of an inch in diameter. These bodies could not be cut open with a scalpel, being hard, like bone.

The deceased was about 55 years of age, and died of hydro-pericardium. During his short stay in this Hospital he had suffered from three attacks of the "shakes," very severe in their nature. As it is stated by many writers that in febris intermittens we invariably find an enlargement of the spleen, it occurred to me that I would examine this case for myself. I found the organ to be of the normal size, weighing, I should say, six ounces, of about the usual hue, but very brittle under pressure, and containing the specimen I have before referred to.

It seems to me that a deposit like this in the spleen is an occurrence which is scarcely ever met with; at least six others than myself, surgeons in this Hospital, assert that they have never seen the like. I should be very happy to hear the opinion of others of our profession who have had a more extended experience than myself.

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THE smallpox has lately been very destructive on the Pacific coast, both north and south of San Francisco. The Victoria papers mention that its ravages have been excessive among the Indians of Vancouver's Island, over 1000 having died.

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