

No.	Name.	Age and Sex.	Habits of Life.	Family Disease.	Antecedent Disease.	Duration of Disease.	Form of Disease.	Physical Signs.
40	S.	60, F.	Comfortable.	None.	Rheumatism.	Some years.	Hypertrophy.	Impulse stronger and more extended than natural, heaving.
41	M.	40, F.	Exposure to cold.	None recorded.	None recorded.	Some years.	Hypertrophy to great extent.	Impulse greatly extended and increased in force.
42	G.	33, M.	Exposure in military service in tropics for many years. Drank freely.	None recorded.	None recorded. Had chronic irritation of bladder.	Forty years.	Great hypertrophy, with extraordinarily rapid action.	Impulse hard, knocking, greatly extended, succussion of the entire chest, perceived through right shoulder; sounds dull, ordinarily weak; no abnormal sounds.

### CASE OF CREEPING BUBO, ILLUSTRATING THE EFFICACY OF MERCURIAL TREATMENT.

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IN the LONDON JOURNAL OF MEDICINE for May 1849, I published an essay on Creeping Bubo; and as the following case illustrates the utility of a mercurial course as therein recommended, I am anxious to lay it before the profession as an addition to my former communication.

**CASE.** The patient, a Cambridge student, aged 23, of good general health, had been, before I saw him, under the care of Mr. Robert Brown of Brixton Hill, to whom I am indebted for the particulars of the case.

*April 10, 1850.* A chancre appeared within the urethra, close to the frænum, and was shortly afterwards followed by a swelling in the groin. Caustic was applied by a hospital surgeon, who also ordered bluc pill and extract of conium three times a day. The chancre healed completely in about a week; the swelling in the groin suppurated, and was opened on the 16th April, but it did not heal.

*June 1.* He went to Ramsgate, and to Brighton, and took baths for a fortnight. At the end of June he again went to Brighton. On his return, the sore in the groin was found to extend under the skin for an inch and a half; this was laid open in its entire length on the 30th of June.

*July 16.* The patient consulted me. I expressed my opinion that

Symptoms.	Complications.	Treatment.	Effects of Treatment.	Result.	Autopsy.
Palpitation occasionally, action always great, sense of fluttering, pain darting from heart down left arm, moderate dyspnœa, debility, weak pulse, 88, regular, copious discharge of blood from lungs on two or three occasions.	Copious hæmoptysis once or twice, conges. of lungs, flatus.	Alteratives, hops, cinchona, stimulating embrocation to chest and arm.	Palpitation somewhat reduced, and strength moderately increased; pain not materially relieved.	Some improvement.	No examination.
Palpitation, constant over-action, hydrothorax, anasarca of lower extremities, dyspnœa, exhaustion, aphthæ of tongue.	Anas. of lower extrem., hydrothorax, cong. of lungs.	Hyoseyamus, spirits of nitrous ether, seton at præcordia.	Some relief from hyoseyamus and spirits of nitre; none from seton.	Some relief for a time; death after a few months.	
Constant over-action, with pulse about 80, frequent fits of extremely rapid action, with small scarcely perceptible pulse of from 140 to 200; the action of the heart resembled quivering, and the foot when the legs were crossed would move like the wheel of a watch; orthopnœa, œdema of feet and ankles latterly, chronic irritation of bladder, with alkaline mucous urine, exhaustion.	œdema of feet and ankles some days before death, cong. of lungs, dry rhonchus.	Morphia to allay palpitation; spirits of nitrous ether, squills, and saline diuretics; brandy, chloric ether; animal diet.	Morphia proved of immense service, would reduce pulse from 200 to 80; chloric ether induced extremely violent paroxysm of palpitation.	Great relief for a few days; death.	

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the disease was true *creeping bubo*; and that I was afraid it would not heal except under a complete mercurial course. As this was inconvenient, it was decided to dress the sore with mercurial ointment, and to give Plummer's pill at night, and iodide of potassium with sarsaparilla twice a day. He continued this treatment till the 20th of October; the greater part of the time being spent in a fine healthy spot in the moors of Scotland, and the patient leading a steady regular life, and not taking much exercise. When he returned from Scotland on the 20th October, the sore had extended, the edges were hard and more elevated, and the ulceration creeping under the skin in a semi-circular form, healing a little in some places, but extending a little in others. I now recommended a more decided mercurial course; but it was agreed that it should be postponed for six weeks, to enable the patient to get his degree at Cambridge. In the mean time, he was to take the bichloride of mercury with sarsaparilla.

*November 27.* He returned from Cambridge, with the sore in about the same state as six weeks ago. He was now confined to the house, and commenced rubbing in a drachm of the strong mercurial ointment every night. As soon as the mercury affected his gums, which took place in a few days, the sore began to amend, and continued to heal steadily. It was healed in five weeks after the rubbing in was commenced; and some thickening of the cicatrix was removed by a continuance in the use of the mercurial inunction for a week longer.

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