

purging. Why all these are necessary, will yet be shown. The last case
 I shall here offer, is another of my own. The attack was in the month of
 August, attended by the usual symptoms; slight pain was felt on going
 to bed: before morning, the pain was so acute, as to prevent sleep, & by
 ten o'clock in the morning, I could not walk. My left ankle was the
 seat of the attack. I prepared a solution of Tartar emetic in a glass
 of water, taking a sup every 15 minutes, so as to nauseate, & purge
 most thoroughly. The operation was completed in about three hours:
 after which time, I was enabled to walk without any pain, & no differ-
 ence between the ankle just affected & the well one, save a sense of
 weakness, & a little soreness of the part, which all disappeared in
 48 hours. Since this time I have not had the slightest attack of
 rheumatism. After witnessing the effects of tartar emetic in
 rheumatism, the question naturally presents itself, How does it pro-
 duce those effects? For humanity's purpose, it would be needless to
 answer the question; knowing the fact, would suffice. But for the
 sake of science, it seems necessary to offer a solution, which should be
 based on facts, established by close observation, & experience. As for
 the modus operandi of tartar emetic, that is entirely beyond the lati-
 tude of this paper. Whether it makes its impression on the nerves of