

of energy, of tone, or of plethora. It seems, as we have frequently repeated, that tartar emetic, by its nauseating influence, supplies the place of blood letting, by relaxing the whole system; & indeed, its great virtue, which has not yet been noticed, is that it may relax, for hours together, by continuing its use, which is of great importance in keeping up that equilibrium of the circulation, upon which depends the success of establishing the whole of the secretions.

Its purgative effects also seem to be necessary to a speedy resolution of inflammation. This we explain thus: that the great & continued relaxation, produced by the nausea, equalizes the circulation, & fits the system, for the establishment of every secretion. Thus it necessarily follows, that purging must be one of the effects: & the want of it proves that the state of nausea, relaxation & equalization of the circulation is not properly established, thereby shewing that a termination of inflammation depends not on the emetic, diaphoretic, diuretic, or purgative effects of any medicine, but on the whole combined. Seeing therefore that tartar emetic is the only medicine, that has so many happy qualities combined, we do not hesitate to pronounce it the lion of the whole tribe of the materia medica. To compare cathartics with emetics, in the treatment of inflammatory diseases, would now be utterly useless: But lest it