

Surgeon's Journal of Her Majesty's Female Convict Ship *Emma Eugenia*
 Mr John Wilson, Surgeon
 Between the 19th January and the 14th June 1846
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Copy of the sick list of the *Emma Eugenia* Female Convict Ship

When Put On Sick List	Name	Age	Quality	Disease or Hurt	When Put Off Sick List	How Disposed Of
1846						
Jany 24	Dinah Hart	50	Widow labourer	Diarrhoea	Feby 6	Cured
31	Ann Spalding	50	Married Washerwoman	Diarrhoea	Feb. 10	Cured
Feby 12	Catherine Jones	27	Single Servant	Hepat. Chr.	June 7	Hospital
27	Hannah Burgess	29	Single Prostitute	Paralysis	June 7	Hospital
28	Charlotte Brown	26	Married Housewife	Ophthamitis	March 14	Cured
"	Caroline Gardiner	28	Single Dressmaker	Leucorrhoea	March 8	Dead
March 2	Sophia Arthur	25	Single Prostitute	Coma	March 6	Dead
10	M.A. Dyason	24	Single Prostitute	Leucorrhoea	June 7	Hospital
15	Elizabeth Todd	34	Single Prostitute	Phthisis	May 13	Dead
Apl 2	Matilda Groves	24	Single Steel P. Maker	Diarrhoea	Apl. 15	Cured
14	Marg' Innes	30	Single Prostitute	Diarrhoea	May 29	Dead
May 2	Matilda Groves	24	Single Steel P. Maker	Diarrhoea	May 16	Cured
"	Mary Calland	20	Single Servant	Nostalgia	May 15	Dead
3	Agnes Wilkie	36	Widow Servant	Diarrhoea	May 29	Cured
"	Matilda Rodgment	26	Single Silk winder	Diarrhoea	May 30	Dead
19	Maria Brown	27	Single Prostitute	Diarrhoea	June 7	Hospital
20	Mary Farthing	50	Married Labourer	Diarrhoea	June 9	Cured
"	Laura Radford	17	Single Prostitute	Leucorrhoea	June 7	Hospital
June 3	Ann Lewis	30	Single Prostitute	Catarrh. Chr.	June 7	Hospital
June 7	Sarah Marlborough	26	Married Housewife	Scorbutus	June 7	Hospital
"	Ellen Donnelly	21	Single Servant	Lepra. Nig.	June 7	Hospital
"	Elizabeth Riches	32	Married Housewife	Haemorrhoids	June 7	Hospital
"	Charlotte Brown	26	Married Housewife	Accouchement Diarrhoea	June 12	Hospital

<p>PB100344JPG</p>			<p>debility and emaciation. The patient is quiet, well-behaved, and exceedingly attentive to the instructions she from time to time receives. Skin dry, pulse quiet and small.</p> <p><i>Repet. Pilul. Hydrarg.</i> <i>Cont. Mistura</i></p> <p>8. <i>Cont. Mistura et Pil. Hydr.</i></p> <p>10. <i>Pergat</i></p> <p>12. <i>Perstet</i></p> <p>14. <i>Ut heri</i></p> <p>16. <i>Ut antea</i></p> <p>18. The slightest irregularity with reference to diet never fails to induce pain of stomach, flatulency, difficult breathing and pain of right side. Bowels slow.</p> <p><i>Omitt' Mistura et Pilul Hydrarg. per tempore, et</i> <i>Repet. Pilul. aperiens & Haustus.</i> <i>Emplastrum Lyttæ Hypogastyrio dextro applicandum.</i></p> <p>20. Pain of side relieved, pain of stomach & flatulency continue.</p> <p><i>Rx Spiritis Aethesis Sulph ℥fs</i> <i>Tinct. Opii m x</i> <i>Aq. Menth. pip. ℥i</i></p> <p><i>M pro Haustus, bis, terve de die sumende.</i></p> <p>22.. <i>Cont. Pilul. Hydr. et Haust.</i></p> <p>24. <i>Pergat</i></p> <p>26. <i>Perstet</i></p> <p>28. <i>Ut heri</i></p> <p>30. <i>Ut antea</i></p> <p>2. April. During the greater part of yesterday the patient continued in a very exhausted state and repeatedly appeared about to expire. The pulsation & respiration were, at times, exceedingly faint, if not altogether imperceptible. The gums are again affected, and today she complains, as before, of weakness and want of appetite. <i>Omitt'. Pil. Hydr. Cont. Haustus.</i></p> <p><i>Emplastrum Lyttæ Hypochondrio dextro sternum applicandum.</i></p> <p>4. <i>Cont. Haustus</i></p> <p>6. <i>Pergat</i></p> <p>8. <i>Perstet</i></p> <p>10. <i>Ut heri</i></p> <p>12. The pain of the side and the stomach are less troublesome, but the patient continues in a state of distressing debility. Bowels slow.</p> <p><i>Omitt' Haustus.</i> <i>Enema aperiens adhibendum, ey pro re nata utendum</i> <i>Rx Infusi Quassia</i> <i>Cort. Aurant aa ℥iij</i> <i>Tinct. Cinnam. Co. ℥i</i></p> <p><i>M ft Mistura cujuc capiat Cochlearia dua terquaterdie</i></p> <p>14. <i>Cont'. Mistura et Repet. Pilul. Hydrarg.</i></p> <p>16. <i>Pergat</i></p> <p>18. <i>Perstet</i></p> <p>19. The Hepatic affection does not increase & appears to be under control, but the weakness and emaciation are undiminished, and lately the daily reply is 'want of appetite, pain of stomach & flatulency. She has now a great aversion to Arrowroot Sago etc. The diet to consist of oatmeal gruel, rice, preserved potato & a small allowance of preserved mutton.</p>
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<p>Paralysis</p> <p>PB100347G</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Hannah Burgess Æt.29. Single Prostitute 27. February At Sea Discharged to Colonial Hospital at Hobart Town</p>	<p>When this patient made her appearance on board at Woolwich, she was labouring under a soft and inelastic swelling of the lower extremities, of several months duration, & subject to frequent & severe paroxysms of Palpitation of the heart. According to her own statement her health had been seriously injured by over exertion on the Treadmill. When in the Infirmary at Millbank Prison, it was more than once a subject of disputation, whether she was in a fit state to be sent out of the country, that is to say the two medical officers of the establishment came to opposite conclusions on a subject, self evident to the rest of the world. She has hitherto been able to walk about & treated in her own berth. The treatment has consisted of laxatives, diaphoretics, diuretics, warm salt water bath, friction with flannel, camphorated spirit, careful bandaging etc. Early this morning without any previous indication she was suddenly attacked by a total loss of power of motion of the lower extremities accompanied, for several hours, by confusion of head and inability to articulate. At present, however, there is nothing unusual about the muscles of the eye or the mouth, and the memory and judgement appear not to be affected.</p> <p><i>Rx. Extract. Colocynth. Co</i> ℥i <i>Hydrarg. Chloride</i> gr xij <i>Antim. Potass- tartartis</i> gr iij <i>Olei Menthæ pip.</i> ℥v</p> <p><i>M fi massa in pilulas xij dividenda ij. pro re nata sumend.</i></p> <p><i>Rx Magnesia Sulph.</i> ℥ij <i>Infusi Sennæ</i> ℥i</p> <p><i>M fi Haustus aperient.</i></p> <p><i>Rx Ammonia Sesquicarb.</i> gr vj <i>Tinct. Cinnamom. Co</i> ℥ij <i>Aqua Ment. piperitæ</i> ℥i</p> <p><i>M fi Haustus man nocteque sumendus.</i> <i>Habeat Balneum Calidum manuum de die in diem.</i></p> <p>Frictions with camphorated spirit, flour of mustard or flannel, twice daily.</p> <p>28 <i>Cont^r Haustus etc</i> 2 March <i>Pergat</i> 4 <i>Perstet</i> 6 <i>Ut heri</i> 8 <i>Ut antea</i> 10 Yesterday the patient became violently excited in the course of a dispute with one of her fellow prisoners, a more than usual violent paroxysm of palpitation of the heart was the consequence, after which she continued in a state of insensibility for several hours. She has been particularly cautioned about a repetition of anything likely to lead to similar results.</p> <p><i>Cont^r Haustus, Balneum Calidum etc.</i></p> <p>12. <i>Pergat</i> 14. <i>Perstet</i> 16. Last evening a very extraordinary scene was exhibited in the Prison in consequence of the close & sultry state of atmosphere, and the sense of suffocation experienced by almost all the women. The patient along with many others</p>
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<p>PB100350</p> <p>Ulceration of Uterus</p>	3	<p>Caroline Gardner Æt. 28. Single Dressmaker 28 February At Sea D. dead</p> <p>Since the day of embarkation Gardener has been attended to in her own berth, in consequence of a foetid sanious discharge from the vagina. The discharge has been daily increasing and is now profuse. According to her own account she has long been subject to disease of the uterus, and the discharge existed several months before her imprisonment in Millbank. Today she is unable to be out of bed, and her messmates now complain of the offensive nature of the discharge by night. On this account she is sent into the Hospital. This is one of several cases that ought not have been embarked, as any endeavour by examination, to ascertain the nature the disease in a vessel of this kind is utterly impracticable. The pulse does not indicate the presence of acute disease, and since her appearance on board, she has not complained of pain, but always of weakness. The treatment hitherto has consisted of the tepid salt water bath, attention to the state of the bowels, increasing regard to cleanliness, and for the purpose of supporting the strength, a generous diet, and the exhibition of tonics</p> <p><i>Rx. Magnesiæ Carbonatis. ℥i</i> <i>Rhei Rad. Pulveris gr xv</i> <i>Zingibus Ras. Pulv. ʒv</i> <i>M fi pulvis pro re nata sumendus.</i> <i>Rx. Infusi Gentianæ ʒv</i></p>

PB100351 JPG		<p>2 March.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>5.</p> <p>6.</p> <p>7.</p> <p>8.</p>	<p><i>Tinct. Cinnam. Co.</i> ℥i <i>Quinæ Disulphatis</i> ℥ss <i>Acid. Sulph. dilute.</i> ℥i <i>M fi mistura cujuc sumat cochlearia duo ter quotidie.</i> <i>Rx. Liquor. Plumbi Diacet.</i> ℥i <i>Aceti Communis</i> ℥i <i>Aquæ Puræ</i> Oj <i>M fi Injectio sæpe utenda Balneum tepidum marinum de die in diem.</i> <i>Vini Rubri</i> ℥i <i>bisquotidie</i> <i>Cont^r Mistura etc</i></p> <p>She is now so weak as to be wholly confined to bed, but she is quite free of pain or, in her own words, “were it not for the weakness I would be well”.</p> <p><i>Repet^r Vini Rubri ter quindie</i> <i>Cont^r Ceteras</i></p> <p>The debility appears to increase, the discharge is profuse and very offensive, and when interrogated the invariable reply is “nothing but weakness, no pain”.</p> <p><i>Cont^r Mistura etc</i></p> <p>There is today considerable irritability of stomach, and she is said to have vomited several times during the night. When left alone she continues to doze and has an aversion to be disturbed. In addition to the Port wine, to have a little warm Brandy & water every two hours.</p> <p><i>Omitt^r Balneum tepidum.</i> <i>Emplastrum Lyttæ Epigastrio applicandum</i> <i>Cont^r Mistura etc</i></p> <p>Although evidently sinking she is quite sensible, and only alludes to the increasing weakness. Pulse feeble, eyes dull, extremities becoming cold. Sinapisms to be applied to the soles of the feet and the patient to be allowed as much wine or brandy & water as she may be disposed to take.</p> <p>She expired at 4 A.M. and up to two o’clock retained all her faculties unimpaired. The transition from one state of existence to the other was unremarkably easy, and without the slightest approach to suffering.</p>
Coma PB100352 JPG	4	<p>Sophia Arthur Æt. 25 Single Prostitute 2 March. At Sea. D. Dead.</p>	<p>On the night of the 27th ult. about an hour before daylight, an indescribable scene of horrid uproar and confusion was created by the whole of the Prisoners, yelling fire, fire in consequence of a rapid succession of vivid flashes of lightening reflected from a variety of bright tin and pewter utensils hanging in Hospital on pegs. The first to give the alarm, is one of the steadiest and best behaved women on board, who starting suddenly from sleep actually fancied the vessel was on fire, as did everybody on board, on first hearing the screams, made more terrible & appalling by the darkness of the night. Owing to the fright, in this way occasioned, many of the women became ill and, for, some time, unable to be out of bed. During the usual inspection of the Prison, S. Arthur was this day found in bed and in consequence of the complete prostration of strength and the depressed state of the pulse, she was instantly removed to the Hospital. On being interrogated she said “I am very weak and I have been very unwell, ever since the fright”. The principal symptoms are, utter prostration of strength, unusual depression of spirits, aversion to motion and speech, and perfect indifference to everything going on</p>

			<p>around her. Pupils dilated, tongue white, skin hard & dry, pulse small and quick.</p> <p><i>Rx Magnesia Carbonat</i> ℥ss <i>Rhei Rad Pulv</i> ℥i <i>Zingiber. R. Pulv.</i> gr v</p> <p><i>M ft pulvis statim sumendus dua hora postea.</i></p> <p><i>Rx Mistura Camphoræ</i> ℥vss <i>Spirit. æther. Sulph</i> ℥ss <i>Tinct. Cinnam. Co.</i> ℥ij <i>Antim. Potass. Tart.</i> ℥j</p> <p><i>M ft Mistura cujus capiat Cochlearia dua ter quotidie. Affusie tepida de die in diem.</i></p> <p>3. The patient was perfectly quiet and appeared to sleep during the whole of the night. She has not, however, uttered a word since last evening and this morning is quite unconscious of everything done or said to her.</p> <p><i>Cont^r Mistura additione Ammonia Sesquicarbon</i> ℥ss <i>Sumat Vini rubri</i> ℥i <i>sumenda quaque hora.</i></p> <p>4. She continues in a state of complete insensibility & since her admission into the Hospital has not evinced a desire for anything but swallows without difficulty Sago, Arrow-root & wine etc.</p> <p><i>Assidue Cont^r Mistura quater quotidie et Vin. Rub. ad libitum.</i></p> <p>5. The patient lies in quite a motionless state & seems to breath without difficulty, and although no fatal symptom has made its appearance, it is not possible any case can be more hopeless. In addition to the Port wine she is allowed as much warm brandy & water as she may seem disposed to take.</p> <p><i>Cont^r Mistura etc.</i></p> <p>6. At 8. last evening, inability to swallow, coldness of the extremities, and an intermittent pulse were perceptible. Sinapisms containing red pepper had been previously applied to the soles of the feet, but she gradually became worse till 4.15. A.M. when she calmly expired.</p>
<p>PB100353 JPG Leucorrhœa</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>M.A. Dyason Æt. 24. Single Prostitute 10 March at Sea Discharged to the Colonial Hospital At Hobart Town</p>	<p>It would appear that Dyason has long laboured under an offensive discharge from the vagina, and that she had been under treatment at Millbank Prison. Although her name does not, until now, appear on the Sick list she has been daily attended to in her own berth, in consequence of lassitude, pains in the loins, loss of strength & appetite, occasional faintings and great depression of spirits. Pulse weak & irregular, eyes dull, tongue white, skin hard & dry, countenance pale. Today there is a diminution of the power of motion of the power of motion of the lower extremities and she is now quite unable to walk or stand without assistance. This poor, well-behaved patient must have been singularly unfortunate as eleven out of twelve medical men, forming a Board for the purpose, would have pronounced her to be in a very unfit state to be sent on board a female convict ship where there is no possibility of examining & properly attending to diseases of the Vagina & Uterus.</p> <p><i>Rx Pilul. Rhei Co. ix pro re nata sumat.</i> <i>Rx Infusi Gentianæ</i> ℥v</p>

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<p>PB100355 JPG</p>		<p>30. 2. May</p> <p>5. 8. 10. 11. 14.</p> <p>16. 19. 22. 25. 28</p> <p>1 June. 3. 5. 7..</p>	<p><i>Ut antea</i></p> <p>The discharge from the vagina continues unabated, and when standing by her bedside the smell occasionally is very offensive, should inattention to cleanliness for a short time, take place. The paroxysms of insensibility diminish in frequency and duration. The lower extremities present no unusual external appearance but the loss of the power of motion is unchanged. Appetite slightly improved.</p> <p><i>Cont' Mistura etc</i></p> <p><i>Pergat</i></p> <p><i>Perstet</i></p> <p><i>Ut heri</i></p> <p><i>Ut antea</i></p> <p>She complains principally of the weakness, which, it would appear, is slowly increasing, with a tendency to syncope and sickness of the stomach.</p> <p><i>Omitt' mistura sumatque</i></p> <p><i>Vini Rubri ℥i quarter quotidie</i></p> <p><i>Cont' ceteras</i></p> <p><i>Pergat</i></p> <p><i>Perstet</i></p> <p><i>Ut heri</i></p> <p><i>Ut antea</i></p> <p>Discharge from vagina unchanged, as well as the loss of power of the lower extremities, appetite rather improved, depression of spirits greatly abated, together with the restlessness by night.</p> <p><i>Cont' Haustus etc.</i></p> <p><i>Pergat</i></p> <p><i>Perstet</i></p> <p><i>Ut heri</i></p> <p>Discharged to Colonial Hospital at Hobart Town.</p>
<p>Phthisis Pulmonalis</p> <p>PB100356 JPG</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>Elizabeth Todd Æt. 34. Single Prostitute 5 March at Sea D. Dead.</p>	<p>This patient has been under treatment in her own berth ever since her appearance on board, in consequence of pain in the chest, troublesome cough, and difficult breathing. She laboured under these symptoms long before her incarceration in Millbank Prison. In addition to these, there are now, great debility, emaciation, purulent expectoration, and daily febrile exacerbations. Countenance cadaverous, eyes hollow, neck long, chest narrow, lower extremities œdematous. Acknowledges having led a very dissipated life for several years. The cause of a patient of this description being sent away on so long a voyage, encompassed by so many inconveniences, is not, by any means obvious, now especially, as the hopeless nature of her case, must have been quite apparent. Every attention, since embarkation, has been paid to clothing, diet, state of the bowels etc.</p> <p><i>Rx Muc. G. Acaciæ ℥vij</i></p> <p><i>Tinct. Scillæ ℥fs</i></p> <p>---- <i>Digitalis ℥ij</i></p> <p>---- <i>Opii ℥i</i></p> <p><i>M ft Mistura, Cochlearia duo ter quotidie sumenda.</i></p> <p><i>Rx. Pulv. Ipecac. Co. gʳ xv</i></p> <p><i>per pulvere omni nocte sumenda.</i></p> <p>17. <i>Cont'. Mistura et Pulvis</i></p> <p>19. <i>Pergat</i></p> <p>21.</p>

PB100357JPG			<p>She has hitherto been able to walk about, but today, owing to weakness and emaciation she is quite unable to be out of bed.</p> <p>23. <i>Cont^r. Mistura etc.</i> 25. <i>Pergat</i> 27. <i>Perstet</i> 29. <i>Ut heri</i> 31. <i>Ut antea</i></p> <p>The weakness and the emaciation increase, and the breathing becomes more difficult. The cough is more troublesome by night and the yellowish, viscid caput oration is more profuse. <i>Cont^r. Mistura etc.</i></p> <p>2 April. 4. <i>Pergat</i> 6. <i>Perstet</i> 8. <i>Ut heri</i> 10. <i>Ut antea</i></p> <p>Frequent liquid evacuations by stool during the night, preceded by the usual febrile exacerbation and followed by a profuse & harassing flow of sweat.</p> <p><i>Omitt^r Pulv. Cont. Mist.</i> <i>Rx. Mistura Cretæ</i> ℥i <i>Tinct. Catechu</i> ℥i ---- <i>Opii</i> m xx</p> <p>13. <i>M ft Haustus pro re nata sumendus.</i> 15. <i>Cont^r. Mist. et Haust.</i> 17. <i>Pergat</i> 19. <i>Perstet</i></p> <p>The bowels are again apparently regular, but the debility and the emaciation gradually increase, aggravated by the distressing influence of the night sweats.</p> <p><i>Omitt^r. Haustus</i> <i>Cont^r. Mistura</i> <i>Rx. Infusi Lini</i> ℥i <i>Acid. Sulph. dil.</i> ℥ xv <i>Tinct. Opii</i> ℥ x</p> <p>21. <i>M ft Haustus hora somni sumendus.</i> 23. <i>Cont^r. Mistura etc.</i> 25. <i>Pergat</i> 27. <i>Perstet</i> 29. <i>Ut heri</i> 2 May. <i>Ut antea</i></p> <p>The looseness has returned, and the weakness occasioned by the frequent discharges together with the colliquative sweating is today most apparent & distressing.</p> <p><i>Omitt^r Haust. Acid. Sulph.</i> <i>Cont^r Mistura</i> <i>Rx Plumbi Diacutabis</i> g^r ij <i>Pulv, Opii</i> g^r i <i>Confect. Aromat q.s.</i></p> <p>4. <i>M ft Pilula sexta quaque hora sumenda.</i> 6. <i>Cont^r. Mist. et Pilula</i></p> <p>The looseness and the night sweats continue, the cough is troublesome, and the expectoration, occasionally tinged with blood, is now unusually tenacious.</p> <p>8. <i>Cont^r. Mistura etc.</i> 10. <i>Pergat</i></p> <p>The debility and the emaciation rapidly increase, and the symptoms of approaching dissolution are too evident. The looseness is unabated.</p> <p><i>Cont^r. Mistura etc</i></p>

			<p>11. <i>Habeatque vinum rubrum ad libitum.</i></p> <p>12. <i>Pergat</i></p> <p>15. The patient is quite insensible and the extremities are becoming cold. Expired at 9.10 P.M.</p>
Diarrhoea	7	<p>Matilda Groves Æt. 26 Single Steel Pin Maker 2. April at Sea D. Cured</p>	<p>Frequent liquid discharges by stool, accompanied by griping & flatulence, together with a sense of weight and uneasiness in the lower part of the abdomen, and tenderness on pressure. Countenance pale and expressive of anxiety & suffering. She has, it would appear, long been subject to similar attacks, and has been several times under treatment for the same disease since embarkation.</p> <p><i>Rx. Pulv. Ipecac. ℥i</i> <i>Antim. Potass. tart gr i</i> <i>M ft pro emetica</i></p> <p>3. <i>Rx. Magnesiæ Sulph. ℥ij</i> <i>Aqua Ment. pip. ℥i</i> <i>M ft Haustus statim sumend.</i></p> <p><i>Rx. Mistura Creta ℥vss</i> <i>Tinct. Catechu ℥iij</i> <i>--- Opii ℥i</i> <i>M ft mistura de qua sumendus Cochlearia duo ter in die.</i> <i>Pedilavium omni nocte.</i></p> <p>5. <i>Cont^r mistura etc</i></p> <p>6. The frequency of the stools is increased and there is pain on pressure in the umbilical region. Although always quiet & well-behaved, there is reason to believe from what her messmates say, that contrary to orders she has been taking pea-soup and salted meats.</p> <p><i>Omitt^r mistura per tempore, sumatque statim</i> <i>Olei Ricini ℥i</i> <i>Habeat quaque Balneum calidum de die in diem.</i></p> <p>7. Less pain on pressure in the umbilical region. <i>Repet. mistura Creta etc.</i></p> <p>8. <i>Pergat</i></p> <p>9. <i>Perstet</i></p> <p>10. Discharges by stool less frequent, pain on pressure removed. <i>Omitt^r Balneum Calidum</i> <i>Cont^r Mistura Creta</i></p> <p>11. <i>Pergat</i></p> <p>13. <i>Perstet</i></p> <p>14. <i>Ut heri</i></p> <p>15. Discharged Cured.</p>
Diarrhoea	8	<p>Margt Innes Æt. 36. Single Prostitute 14. Apl. at Sea D. dead.</p>	<p>Since the beginning of the voyage, this patient has been several times under treatment for moderate attacks of looseness. Her mess women report that she is very careless and in the habit of paying very little attention to the directions she occasionally receives respecting diet etc, and when ailing is said to freely indulge in everything that comes in her way such as salted meats as well as the a other articles of daily rations, some of which are ill adapted for the treatment of diarrhoea. The present symptoms are frequent liquid evacuations by stool accompanied by painful straining and inclination to remain in the closet. This is the mother of the blind child,</p>

<p>PB100359JPG</p>			<p>sent on board at Woolwich in a dying state, from neglected looseness of the bowels. She is indolent, slovenly and regardless of cleanliness. Shortly before embarkation she was under treatment for Syphilis & Psora. The person to be thoroughly cleaned with warm water, the diet to be rice, sago, arrowroot, soaked biscuit etc.</p> <p><i>Rx. Magnes. Sulphat. ℥ij</i> <i>Aqua Ment. pip. ℥i</i></p> <p><i>M ft Haustus bis hodie sumendus</i> <i>Rx. Specici pro. Conf. Opii gr xvft pulvis hora somni sumendus.</i></p> <p>15. Frequent inclination to go to stool during the night with straining. <i>Repet. Spec. pro confect Opii man, meridie. nocteque.</i></p> <p>16. Increased inclination to go to stool and a desire to remain. <i>Rx. Olei Ricini ℥i Statim sumendum</i> <i>Rx. Mistura Cretæ ℥ifs</i> <i>Confect. Aromat. ℥ij</i> <i>Tinct. Opii ℥i</i></p> <p><i>M ft mistura de qua sumentur cochleare amplum secunda quaque hora.</i> <i>Balneum Calidum de die in diem.</i></p> <p>17. <i>Cont. Mistura etc</i> 19. <i>Pergat</i> 21. <i>Perstet</i></p> <p>23. The stools are less frequent and more natural in appearance. <i>Cont^r Mistura 4^{ta} quaque hora.</i></p> <p>25. <i>Pergat</i> 27. <i>Perstet</i> 29. Motions natural with reference to time & colour. <i>Cont^r mistura</i> <i>Omitt^r Balneum Calidum</i></p> <p>2 May. After being apparently well and about to be put off the sick list, the former symptoms have returned with increased violence, and today she is confined to bed. The prominent symptoms are frequent purging, griping pains & straining. Unfortunately the Tincture of Catechu is expended as well as several other medicines of frequent use.</p> <p><i>Rx. Ipecac. Rad. Pulv. ℥i</i> <i>Pro emetica.</i></p> <p><i>Rx. Magnesia Sulphat ℥iij</i> <i>Infusi Sennæ ℥i</i></p> <p><i>M ft Haustus bis hodie sumendus</i></p> <p>3. <i>Repet Mistura Cretæ cochleare amplum 2^{dis} horis.</i> <i>Repet. quaque Balneum Calid.</i></p> <p>5. <i>Repet. mistura etc.</i> 7. <i>Pergat</i> 9. <i>Perstet.</i></p> <p>11. The stools are still frequent & thin, but the griping pains are less troublesome. <i>Cont^r Mistura et Balneum</i></p> <p>13. <i>Cont^r Mistura et Balneum</i> 15. The looseness continues unabated, and the patient now complains of loss of strength & appetite. The evacuations assume a dark colour and offensive smell, the skin is dry & hard, and the countenance is indicative of anxiety and suffering. <i>Rx. Cont^r Balneum. Calid.</i> <i>Omitt^r mistura</i></p>
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			<p><i>Rx. Specici pro Confect. Opii gr xv pro pulvis ter quotidie sumende.</i></p> <p>17. The weakness increases together with the frequency of the stools, now of a black colour and very offensive smell. <i>Omitt^r Sp. pro Conf. Opii</i> <i>Cont^r Balneum Calid.</i> <i>Rx Mistura Crete</i> ℥vfs <i>Tinct. Cinnamom. Co.</i> ℥fs ---- <i>Opii</i> ℥ij <i>Ammoniac</i> ℥i</p> <p><i>M ft Mistura cujus capiat cochleare amplum 2^{dis} horis</i></p> <p>19. <i>Cont^r Mistura et Balneum</i></p> <p>21. <i>Pergat</i></p> <p>23. Vomiting supervened during the night, and prevails today so that everything is rejected as soon as taken into the stomach, and the weakness and emaciation go on increasing. <i>Cont^r Mistura etc</i></p> <p>24. Vomiting continues, and the patient is now so weak as to faint when removed from the bed. <i>Omitt^r Mist. et Balneum Calidum</i> <i>Rx Opii gr fs ft pilula secunda quaque hora sumendus.</i></p> <p>25. The weakness and the emaciation increase. The vomiting & the frequency of the stools unabated. <i>Omitt^r Pilul. opii</i> <i>Rx. Plumbi Diacetatis</i> gr ij <i>Opii</i> gr i <i>Confect Aromat. q.s. ut ft pilula tertia quaque hora sumenda.</i></p> <p>26. The symptoms are unmitigated and the patient is evidently sinking. <i>Cont^r Pilula</i> <i>Vinum Rubrum ad libitum.</i></p> <p>27. <i>Pergat</i></p> <p>28. Lies today in a state of complete insensibility. <i>Omitt^r pilula. Cont^r Vinum Rubrum.</i></p> <p>29. Expired at 7:30 P.M.</p>
<p>PB1003601PG</p> <p>Nostalgia</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>Mary Collard Æt. 20. Single Servant 2. May. at Sea D. Dead.</p>	<p>This patient, though her name does not before appear on the Sick List, has not one day ceased to fret since her appearance on board, and it is said, by one of the Hospital nurses, that this was also the case during the whole of her incarceration in Millbank Prison. She has throughout been permitted to sleep in the Hospital and to belong to the convalescent mess, but she has not, till now, been confined to bed. Her only complaint hitherto has been headache, and the sole treatment aperients, tonics, and repeated blisters to the temples, behind the ears, and the nape of the neck.</p> <p>The present symptoms are aversion to motion, a desire to be alone, great depression of spirits amounting to despondency, constant headache and occasionally pain in the stomach, together with hurried & difficult breathing after a little exertion. The face is pale, the tunica conjunctiva is of a shining whiteness, the pulse is weak and irregular, and from the time of her first appearance on board there has been gradually increasing debility. This very interesting young person is very quiet, exceedingly well-behaved, and infinitely less depraved than any of her present associates. Her first and only offence is a very</p>

PB100362PG		<p>trivial one, and her present position is the result of the vindictive disposition of a merciless mistress.</p> <p><i>Rx. Magnesia Carbonat</i> ℥i <i>Rhei Rad. Pulv.</i> ℥ xv <i>Zingiber. R. Pulv.</i> ℥ v</p> <p><i>M ft pulvis pro re nata sumendus.</i></p> <p><i>Rx. Magnesiæ Sulphat.</i> ℥ij <i>Infusi Sennæ</i> ℥i</p> <p><i>M ft Haustus prima mane sequenti sumendus.</i> <i>Emplastrum Lyttæ nuche colli applicandum</i></p> <p>3. The blister has acted well but the headache is unabated, bowels open.</p> <p><i>Rx. Infusi Gentianæ Rad.</i> ℥vss ---- <i>Aurant Cort.</i> ℥ij <i>Tinct. Cinnamomi</i> ℥ss <i>Quinæ Diasulphatis</i> gr x</p> <p><i>M ft Mistura cujus sumantur Cochlearia duo ter quotidie.</i></p> <p>4. When asked, she only alludes to the headach & the weakness, and the latter appears to increase.</p> <p><i>Cont^r Mistura</i></p> <p>5. <i>Pergat, sumatque ter de died Vini Rubri</i> ℥i</p> <p>6. <i>Cont^r Mistura et Vin. Rub.</i></p> <p>7. <i>Pergat</i></p> <p>8. The weakness increases daily, as well as the despondency and the appetite is gone.</p> <p><i>Cont^r Mistura et Vin. Rub.</i></p> <p>9. Frequent discharges of liquid feculent matter by stool during the night, and this morning the weakness and despondency are very much increased.</p> <p><i>Omitt^r Mistura.</i> <i>Rx. Olei Ricini</i> ℥ss statim sumendus <i>Rx. Specic pro Confect. Opii</i> ℥ xv bis hodie capiend.</p> <p>10. <i>Repet. Spec. pro. confect. Opii ter de die.</i> <i>Habeat Balneum Calidum marin. de die in diem.</i></p> <p>11. Looseness unabated, evacuations of assume a dark & offensive smell, weakness & despondency increase and the patient despairs of recovery. <i>Omitt^r Spec. p. Conf. Opii.</i></p> <p><i>Rx. Mistura Creta</i> ℥vss <i>Confect Aromat</i> <i>Ætheris Sulph Aromat. aa</i> ℥ij <i>Tinct Opii</i> ℥iiss</p> <p><i>M ft Mistura de qua capiat Cochlearia duo ter quatuor de die.</i></p> <p>12. <i>Pergat</i></p> <p>13. The looseness continues unabated and the weakness increases.</p> <p><i>Omitt^r Mistrura et Balneum</i> <i>Rx. Plumbi Diacetatis</i> ℥ ij <i>Pulveris Opii</i> ℥ IM ft sumat i <i>Confect opii q.s. ut pilul. ter quotidie.</i> <i>Vinum Rubrum ad libitum.</i></p> <p>14. Occasional confusion of intellect, difficult deglutition, expression of anguish in countenance, pulse small & intermittent. <i>Cont^r. Pilul. et Vin. Rub.</i></p> <p>15. Is quite insensible, evacuations involuntary, extremities becoming cold. 7:30 p.m. expired.</p>
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<p>Diarrhoea</p> <p>PB100363PG</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>Agnes Wilkie Æt. 36. Widow 3. May. at Sea Disch^d cured.</p>	<p>This is the mother of one of the children, reported, by letter on service, as sent on board at Woolwich, in a dying state, and who expired on board, during the passage from the Downes to Portsmouth. Since the death of her child she has had several attacks of Diarrhoea but none of them of sufficient severity to require particular notice. Says she was frequently out of bed in the course of the preceding night in consequence of repeated liquid discharges by stool accompanied by nausea vomiting & severe griping pains more especially in the lower part of the abdomen. Pulse quick and weak, skin hot & dry, tongue yellowish, appetite & strength diminished.</p> <p>Rx. Magnesiae Sulphat ℥fs Aqua Menthae pip. ℥i</p> <p>M ft Haustus statim sumendus.</p> <p>Rx. Specici pro confectione opii gr x pro pulvere hora decubitus sumenda.</p> <p>4. Repet' Spec. pro confect. opii mane nocteque 5. The nausea & vomiting have ceased, but the discharges by stool and the griping pains continue. <i>Omitt' Spec. pro. conf. opii.</i> Rx. Mistura Cretae ℥fs Confect. Aromat. ℥ij Tinct. Opii ℥ifs</p> <p>M ft Mistura cujus capiat Cochlearia duo ampla ter de die.</p> <p><i>Habeat Balneum Calidum de die in diem.</i></p> <p>6. <i>Contin' Mistura etc.</i> 8. <i>Pergat</i> 10. The frequency of the discharge by stool is increased, and accompanied by great prostration of strength, restlessness and a tendency to irritability of stomach, as well as a total loss of appetite. <i>Repet'. Mistura Cretae addiitione Tinct. Opii ℥fs coch ij quarter quotidie sumend.</i> 12. <i>Cont' Mistura etc.</i> 14. <i>Pergat</i> 16. The discharges by stool are less frequent, the nausea & vomiting have again subsided, and the appetite is greatly improved. <i>Cont' Mistura coch. ij. ter quotidie.</i> 18. <i>Pergat</i> 20. <i>Perstet</i> 22. The liquid discharges by stool have ceased together with the griping pains and the appetite & strength daily improve. <i>Omitt' Mist. Cretae</i> Rx. Infus. Quassiae ℥vss Tinct. Cinnam. Co. ℥f Quinnæ Disulphat. gr x Mft sumat coch ij ter quotidie.</p> <p>24. <i>Cont' Mistura</i> 26. <i>Pergat</i> 28. <i>Perstet</i> 29. Disch^d Cured.</p>
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<p>Diarrhoea</p> <p>PB100364PG</p> <p>Continued on image PB100364PG</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>Matilda Rodgment Æt. 26. Single Silk- Winder 3.May. At Sea D. Dead</p>	<p>An almost constant desire to go to stool and an inclination to remain, accompanied by severe griping pains around the umbilicus, a liquid discharge occasionally, and a loss of appetite & strength. Since embarkation, although seldom confined to bed, she has scarcely ever been entirely free of diarrhoea. It would appear that she has been for a long time subject to attacks of looseness, and she has once & again been heard to say – “When at the washtub in Millbank, I have often been bent double with pain.” The slightest irregularity in diet is sure to induce a return of the disease more especially after having incautiously swallowed a few of the distinctive husks in the Pea-soup. At present the griping pains are unusually severe, and accompanied by spasmodic contraction of the muscles of the abdomen, great depression of spirits, anxiety & restlessness.</p> <p><i>Rx. Olei Ricini ℥i s.s.</i> <i>Rx. Specici pro conf. Opii gr xv bis hodie sumend.</i> <i>Balneum Calidum de die in diem.</i></p> <p>4. The warm bath appears to have rendered the griping pains less troublesome, as well as the spasmodic affection of the abdominal muscles, the liquid discharges by stool, however, are more frequent.</p> <p><i>Omitt. Spec. pro Conf. Opii.</i> <i>Rx. Mistura Cretæ ℥viifs</i> <i>Confect Aromat ℥ij</i> <i>Tinct. Opii ℥fsj</i></p> <p><i>M ft Mistura cujus sumantur cochlearia duo ampla ter quotidie. Repet Balneum Calid.</i></p> <p>6. <i>Cont. Mistura etc</i></p> <p>8. The spasmodic pains are quite removed, but the looseness and the desire to remain in the closet are unabated. The loss of strength, appetite, and the despondency continue.</p> <p><i>Cont. Mistura</i></p> <p>10. <i>Pergat</i></p> <p>12. <i>Perstet</i></p> <p>14. The looseness, weakness, want of appetite, and despondency are unabated, and today she complains of pain of stomach & restlessness by night. <i>Cont. Balneum sumenda quaque die</i></p> <p><i>Cont. Mistura additione Tincturæ Opii ℥fs coch. ij quator quotidie.</i></p> <p>16. <i>Cont. Mistura etc</i></p> <p>18. <i>Pergat</i></p> <p>20. The prostration of strength increases, and the despondency amounts to hopelessness of recovery. Appetite nearly gone, and now everything swallowed is almost immediately rejected. The countenance is pale and expressive of great anxiety and the evacuations assume a dark colour & more offensive smell.</p> <p><i>Omitt. Mistura et Balneum</i> <i>Rx. Tinctura Rhei</i> <i>--- Cinnamom. Co. áá ℥ij</i> <i>--- Opii ℥fs</i> <i>Aqua Menthæ pip. ℥i</i></p> <p><i>M ft Haustus, quarter quotidie sumendus.</i> <i>Emplastrum Lyttæ Epigastrico statim applicandum,</i></p>
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A Nosological Synopsis of the Sick Book kept during the Period of this Journal, in conformity with the 30th Article of the Surgeons' Instructions.

Diseases Nosologically arranged	Numbers						Nos. of such Cases as are detailed in the Journal
	Total	Discharged to Duty	Sent to the Hospital	Died on board	Invalided	Remaining	
Pyrexiae							
Ord. I. Febres.							
Internulleates Quotutiana Tertiana							
Continua Synochus							
Typhus							
Ord. II. Phlegmasiae.							
Phlogosis							
Pneumonia							
Rheumatismus							
Cynanche							
<i>Hepat. Chr.</i>	1		1				1
<i>Ophthalmia</i>	1	1					
Ord. III. Exanthemata.							
Variola							
Rubeola							
Erysipelas							
Vaccina							
Ord. IV. Haemorrhagiae							
Haemoptysis							
Phthisis incipiens							
Phthisis confirmata	1			1			6
<i>Leucorrhoea</i>	3		2	1			3. 5
<i>Haemorrhoids</i>	1		1				
Ord. V. Profluvia.							
Catarrhus Chr.	1		1				
Dysentaria							
Neuroses.							
Ord. I. Comata.							
Apoplexia							
Coma	1			1			4
Paralysis	1		1				2
Ord. II. Adynamiae.							
Dyspepsia							
Ord. III. Spasmi.							
Asthma							
Diarrhoea	10	6	2	2			7.8.10. 11
Colica							
Ord. Iv. Vesaniae.							
Amentia							
Mania							
Cachexiae.							
Ord. I. Marcores.							

Tabes						
Ord. II. Intumescenciae.						
Anasarca						
Ascites						
Hydrothorax						
Ord. III. Impetigines.						
Syphilis						
Scrophula						
Icterus						
Scorbutus	1		1			
<i>Lepra</i>	1		1			
Locales.						
Ord. I. Dysaethesiae.						
Amaurosis						
Ord. II. Dysorexiae.						
<i>Nostalgia</i>	1			1		9
Ord. III. Dyscinesiae.						
Ord. IV. Apocenosos.						
Gonorrhoea						
Ord. V. Epischeses						
Ischuria						
Obstipatio						
Dysuria						
Ord. VI. Tumores.						
Aneurisma						
Ord. VII. Ectopiae.						
Hernia						
Prolapsus						
Luxatio						
Ord. VIII. Dialyses.						
Vulnus						
Ulcus						
GENERAL TOTAL	23	7	10	6		
NOTE.—Medical Officers are desired particularly to Notice that the Numbers in each Disease and the general Total must not only correspond with the Sick Book, but also with the particulars contained in the several Nosological Returns for the period.						

GENERAL REMARKS

Soon after the embarkation of the Prisoners it was stated, in letters on Service from Woolwich, Portsmouth, and Tenerife that many of the women were aged, infirm, and apparently unable to undergo the wear and tear of so long a voyage. It afterwards appeared that not a few had broken constitutions owing to long confined dissipation and every sort of irregularity. It was also intimated that some of the children had a sickly appearance, that three were sent on board labouring under diarrhoea, two of them in a dying state, one of whom expired between the Downs and Portsmouth. The stench arising from the evacuations of these infants was highly offensive & occasionally diffused over the whole of the Prison. Whether they brought the disease into the ship, is not here a matter of inquiry, but it is most certain that no day passed without its existence, from the commencement to the termination of the voyage. The experience gained on this occasion may perhaps, hereafter, be turned to advantage, at any rate, it will not speedily be forgotten.

Caroline Gardener

At embarkation laboured under disease of the womb of long duration, and was daily attended in her own berth, until the 28th February when she was admitted into the Hospital, in consequence of her messmates complaining of the offensive nature of the vaginal discharge by night. During the whole of her illness, on board, she never complained of pain, but always of "weakness." The decline was gradual and without suffering. She expired on the morning of the 8th March. Had it been practicable in a Female Convict Ship this was a very urgent case for post mortem inspection.

Sophia Arthur

About an hour before daylight on the morning of the 27th February, an indescribable scene of horrid uproar and confusion occurred in the Prison, owing to upwards of a hundred & fifty frantic females at once yelling fire, fire. The false alarm was caused by one of the best behaved women on board, who starting suddenly from sleep, actually fancied the vessel was on fire, on seeing a rapid succession of vivid flashes of lightning reflected from some shining tin & pewter pots placed on pegs in the Hospital, the stern-posts, and the Hospital door, being open at the time. In consequence of the fright this occasioned many of the women became seriously ill and, for some time, unable to be out of bed. The third morning afterwards, at the usual daily inspection of the Prison, Sophia Arthur was found in bed, and on being questioned said she "had not been well since the fright." From the state of her pulse, the depression of spirits, & the utter prostration of strength, it appeared for the moment, to be a sudden attack of low humour fever. She was immediately sent into the Hospital, became quite insensible the following morning, and died three days afterwards.

Elizabeth Todd

This woman at embarkation laboured under Phthisis Confirmata, & readily acknowledged having led a very dissipated life or several years. She was regularly attended to, in her own berth, until her admission into the Hospital on 15, March, and died on the 13, May. It is not easy to get at the motion for sending a patient of this description so far, for the purpose of being buried.

Margaret Innes

The mother of the blind child sent on board at Woolwich in a dying state, the last stage of inveterate diarrhoea. She was admitted into the Hospital on the 14, April, having previously had two or three attacks of looseness, for which she had been treated in her own berth. In spite

of repeated remonstrances she was, at all times, exceedingly inattentive (sic) with reference to diet and cleanliness. She died on the 29, May.

Mary Callard

It is said that this exemplary young person – the victim of a merciless mistress – “fretted” the whole of the time she was in Millbank Prison. On board ship her invariable daily complaint was headach. Although not considered ill enough to be a patient, she was, in consequence of her good conduct, all along allowed to sleep in the Hospital and to belong to the convalescent mess. On the 2nd May, owing to “weakness” she was unable to be out of bed, and on the 9th obstinate diarrhoea supervened. She gradually sank & calmly expired on the 15th.

Matilda Rodgment

This patient had been under treatment for diarrhoea at Millbank Prison, and she was in the habit of saying that “when at the washtub there, she was often bent double with pain.” She had several attacks on board before the 3rd May, when she was admitted into the Hospital, and gradually becoming worse, she died on the 30th. Before the names of this & the preceding patient were placed on Sick List, the principal medicines for the treatment of diarrhoea were nearly expended, such as Tinct. Catechu, Tinct. Opii, Specics pro confectione opii, Pulv. Ipecac. Co. etc.

The sick were always visited twice a day, often more frequently, and the Prison and Hospital were every day carefully inspected, with the assistance of a police lantern, as some of the women at the beginning of the voyage, were in the habit of doing on deck, by night, what ought to have been done in the water closet. For the first four weeks after leaving the Downs, the weather was most unfavourable, and during the time, there was scarcely a day fit for airing beds and bedding and owing to the prevalence of sea sickness the greatest care & attention were required to keep the Prison clean. Every day from Teneriffe to near Tasmania one fourth on the beds & bedding was aired in succession.

Within the Tropics the midship fittings were found to be exceedingly injurious by impeding ventilation, and late one evening a scene of great confusion and excitement existed for upwards of two hours, during which, the S.S. was employed going from one mess to another, some of the women in fits, others screaming, and many in a state of insensibility. Next day the whole of the upper part of these fittings was knocked away.

During the last three weeks, before arrival at Hobart Town, almost every day was rainy or unusually hazy and great inconvenience was experienced in consequence of no opportunity offering for the drying of wash-clothes. This unfavourable state of the weather had only existed three or four days, when the Hospital door became daily crowded by applicants for medical assistance, having, all of them, the usual incipient febrile symptoms, and at the daily inspection of the Prison, many were found similarly affected, and unable to be out of bed. At this time the approach of low nervous fever appeared almost inevitable.

Many of the ill-disposed and utterly irreclaimable, when guilty of any irregularity likely to be detected, were in the habit of resorting to the Hospital door, at morning or evening visit, and feigning disease, for the purpose of evading or postponing punishment. The absence of good mess women was a great desideration, as the prisoners, throughout the voyage were inveterately addicted to pilfering from one another, by night, without any conceivable cause unless malice, love of mischief, or a desire to keep their hands in. They required to be, and were all, kept under increasing surveillance from day break to sundown. As a proof of this it is only necessary to state that during this, as well as the preceding voyage, in the same vessel, not a single instance of prostitution occurred. It is satisfactory to be able to state that from Teneriffe

to Hobart Town, the greatest progress was made, with reference to cleanliness and order, although, at first, improvement in these aspects, appeared utterly hopeless.

During the former voyage the vessel was as dry as possible, on this occasion all the deck illuminations were leaky, and a certain portion of beds & bedding almost constantly wet. Duration of the voyage, one hundred and twenty four days.

John Wilson
Surgeon Supt.
