

Surgeon's Journal of Her Majesty's Female Convict Ship, *Sea Queen*
 Mr Thomas William Jewell, Surgeon
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Copy of the sick list of the *Sea Queen* Female Convict Ship

When Put On Sick List	Name	Age	Quality	Disease or Hurt	When Put Off Sick List	How Disposed Of
May 15 th	Ann Beck	35	Convict	Mania	Sept ^r 1 st	To Hosp ^l
" 24 th	Ann Heath	38	D ^o	Laryngitis	June 2 nd	Duty
" "	Frances Payne	34	D ^o	Obstipatio	May 29 th	D ^o
" "	Ann Jones	25	D ^o	Laryngitis	June 2 nd	D ^o
" 25 th	Mary Godwin	57	D ^o	Debilitas	July 28 th	D ^o
June 3 rd	Sarah Lofthouse	24	D ^o	Dysmenorrhea	June 7 th	D ^o
" 4 th	Catherine Sullivan	20	D ^o	Epilepsia	" 6 th	D ^o
" 5 th	Eliza Wilson	24	D ^o	Dyspepsia	" 16 th	D ^o
" "	Mary Ann Pryke	16	D ^o	Diarrhœa	" 13 th	D ^o
" "	Ellen Parker	23	D ^o	Epilesia	" 7 th	D ^o
" 8 th	Ann Thompson	23	D ^o	Dysmenorrhea	" 11 th	D ^o
" 9 th	Ann Lansdown	20	D ^o	Lumbago	" 16 th	D ^o
" 12 th	Harriet Rigg	23	D ^o	Gastrodynia	" 19 th	D ^o
" "	Catherine McKenzie	54	D ^o	Ustio Brachii	" 20 th	D ^o
" 16 th	Christina McInnes	28	D ^o	Diarrhœa	" 26 th	D ^o
" 18 th	Margaret Doyle	21	D ^o	Dysmenorrhea	" 22 nd	D ^o
" 19 th	Mary Cummings	21	D ^o	Ophthalmitis	July 29 th	D ^o
" 20 th	Ann Heath	38	D ^o	Hepatitis	Aug ^t 31 st	To Hosp ^l
" "	Mary Ann Merritt	17	D ^o	Hysteria	June 22 nd	Duty
" "	Mary Ann Scott	30	D ^o	Diarrhœa	" 26 th	D ^o
" 21 st	Frances Payne	34	D ^o	Prolapsus Uteri	Aug ^t 31 st	To Hosp ^l
" 23 rd	Mary Ann Pryke	16	D ^o	Diarrhœa	July 7 th	Duty
" 25 th	Harriet Rigg	23	D ^o	Gastro- Enteritis	Aug ^t 31 st	To Hosp ^l
" July 1 st	Catherine Sullivan	20	D ^o	Paralysis	July 29 th	Duty
" "	Mary Best	28	D ^o	Leucorrhœa	Aug ^t 9 th	D ^o
" 5 th	Mary Elliot	19	D ^o	Cephalalgia	July 7 th	D ^o
" 10 th	Christina McInnes	28	D ^o	Abscessus Mammæ sinistra	" 19 th	D ^o
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July 12 th	Jane Murphy	17	Convict	Herpes	July 20 th	Duty
" 13 th	Hannah Radcliffe	28	D ^o	Gastrodynia	" 29 th	D ^o
" 14 th	Mary Ann Wentworth	23	D ^o	Ustio Brachii	" 19 th	D ^o
" 15 th	Ann Thompson	23	D ^o	Diarrhœa	" 23 rd	D ^o
" "	Ann Marshall	17	D ^o	Hysteria	" 29 th	D ^o
" 16 th	Jane Smith	65	D ^o	Hæmatemesis	Aug ^t 31 st	To Hosp ^l
" "	Jane Wilson	35	D ^o	Obstipatio	July 29 th	Duty
" 18 th	Susannah New	42	D ^o	Epilepsia	" 31 st	D ^o
" 19 th	Jean McCurrie	27	D ^o	Obstipatio	" 29 th	D ^o
" 20 th	Ann Lansdowne	18	D ^o	Contusio	" 25 th	D ^o
" 21 st	Elizabeth Tyrrell	18	D ^o	Hysteria	" 29 th	D ^o
" "	Sophia Bywater	38	D ^o	Diarrhœa	" 30 th	D ^o
" 23 rd	Kath Richardson	28	D ^o	"	Aug ^t 15 th	D ^o
" "	Margaret Bradley	15	D ^o	Obstipatio	July 27 th	D ^o
" 25 th	Elizabeth Phillips	35	D ^o	Dysmenorrhœa	Aug ^t 16 th	D ^o
" 26 th	Mary Ann Hodder	28	D ^o	Diarrhœa	" 6 th	D ^o

“ 27 th	Ellen Parker	23	D ^o	Epilepsia	July 31 st	D ^o
“ 28 th	Mary Ann Stewart	19	D ^o	Bursa Genu	Aug ^t 3 rd	D ^o
“ “	Mary Ann Scott	30	D ^o	Diarrhœa	“ 15 th	D ^o
“ “	Elizabeth Clarke	24	D ^o	Wounded Head	“ 2 nd	D ^o
“ 29 th	Margaret McKay	18	D ^o	Diarrhœa	“ 10 th	D ^o
“ “	Caroline Mason	16	D ^o	D ^o	“ 24 th	D ^o
“ “	Ann Balshaw	12	D ^o	D ^o	“ 9 th	D ^o
“ “	Mary Godwin	51	D ^o	D ^o	“ 28 th	D ^o
“ 30 th	Catherine Sullivan	20	D ^o	Parturitio, seque Peritonitis	“ 2 nd	10.5 AM Died
“ “	Ann Marshall	17	D ^o	Diarrhœa	“ 6 th	Duty
“ 31 st	Christina McInnes	28	D ^o	Abscessus axillæ	“ 7 th	D ^o
“ “	Mary Sweeney	30	D ^o	Cephalalgia	“ 4 th	D ^o
August 1 st	Mary Ann Stewart	19	D ^o	Diarrhœa	“ 3 rd	D ^o
“ “	Jane Longstone	30	D ^o	D ^o	“ 11 th	D ^o
“ 2 nd	Ann Warren	16	D ^o	D ^o	“ 12 th	D ^o
“ 3 rd	Mary Hooper	27	D ^o	D ^o	“ 1 th	D ^o
“ “	Mary Probert	25	D ^o	D ^o	“ 5 th	D ^o
“ “	Matilda Watson	25	D ^o	D ^o	“ 5 th	D ^o
August 3 rd	Ann Lansdowne	18	D ^o	Diarrhœa	Aug ^t 5 th	Duty
“ “	Ellen Parker	23	D ^o	D ^o	“ 13 th	D ^o
“ “	Rose Ann Mooney	19	D ^o	Cyanche Tons ^s	“ 28 th	D ^o
“ “	Elizabeth Morris	24	D ^o	Cephalalgia	“ 8 th	D ^o
“ “	Margaret Patterson	27	D ^o	Diarrhœa	“ 7 th	D ^o
“ “	Elizabeth Dobson	26	D ^o	D ^o	“ 5 th	D ^o
“ 4 th	Sarah Brookes	21	D ^o	D ^o	“ 14 th	D ^o
“ 5 th	Jane Wilson	15	D ^o	D ^o	“ 7 th	D ^o
“ “	Ann Warren	19	D ^o	D ^o	“ 7 th	D ^o
“ “	Eliza Wilson	24	D ^o	Hæmatemesis	“ 11 th	D ^o
“ “	Mary Fuller	29	D ^o	Diarrhœa	“ 10 th	D ^o
“ 7 th	Mary Ann Evans	17	D ^o	D ^o	“ 9 th	D ^o
“ “	Alice Armstrong	22	D ^o	Rheumatalgia	“ 10 th	D ^o
“ “	Caroline Jones	25	D ^o	Catarrhus	“ 10 th	D ^o
“ 8 th	Amelia Watts	17	D ^o	Diarrhœa	“ 13 th	D ^o
“ “	Susannah New	42	D ^o	D ^o	“ 9 th	D ^o
“ “	Mary Ann Henry	25	D ^o	Pleurodynia	“ 11 th	D ^o
“ 9 th	Elizabeth Herbert	21	D ^o	Cyanche Tons ^s	“ 11 th	D ^o
“ 11 th	Mary McKenzie	29	D ^o	Colica Spasm ^a	“ 28 th	D ^o
“ 12 th	Mary Ann Wentworth	23	D ^o	Diarrhœa	“ 18 th	D ^o
“ 13 th	Ann Jones (2)	19	D ^o	Parturitio	“ 29 th	D ^o
“ “	Sophia Bywater	38	D ^o	Diarrhœa	“ 19 th	D ^o
“ 17 th	Mary Fleming	17	D ^o	Cephalalgia	“ 18 th	D ^o
“ 18 th	Mary Ann Pryke	16	D ^o	Diarrhœa	“ 27 th	D ^o
“ 19 th	Ann Jones (1)	25	D ^o	Gastrodynia	“ 28 th	D ^o
“ 20 th	Louisa Green	25	D ^o	Cephalalgia	“ 24 th	D ^o
“ “	Mary Ann Merrett	17	D ^o	D ^o	“ 21 st	D ^o
“ “	Elizabeth Clarke	24	D ^o	Gingivitia	“ 28 th	D ^o
“ 25 th	Susannah New	42	D ^o	Paralysis	“ 30 th	To Hospit ^l
“ 26 th	Margaret Sullivan	25	D ^o	Diarrhœa	“ 28 th	Duty

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**Medical and Surgical Journal of Her Majesty's Convict Ship Sea Queen between the
2 May 1846 and the 7 September 1846 during which time the said ship has been
employed in a voyage from Woolwich to Hobart Town, Van Diemen's Land**

Nature of Disease	No. of Case	Men's Names, Ages, Qualities, Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.	The History, Symptoms, Treatment, and Daily Progress of the Disease or Hurt.
<p align="center">Mania</p> <p align="left">PB010214.JPG</p>	1	<p align="center">Ann Beck Aet: 35 Convict May 15th at sea To Hospital</p>	<p>On the morning of the 5th May while the ship was lying off Woolwich my attention was first called to this woman, not so particularly in consequence of her disposition to pilfer any and everything that came in her way, but from the peculiar manner in which she pursued it, - nothing escaped her notice however trifling or useless, and her feet were employed as well as her hands to affect her purpose, - then again the secretive here exercised, concealing such things in her bosom, up her sleeves, beneath her clothes, everywhere where she thought such would not be discovered and indeed the variety of articles, or rags, yarns, shavings, pieces of cloth, &c that she managed to accumulate thro' the agency of her hands & feet, was surprising - at this early period, I noticed she was indifferent as to her person - her clothes were ragged, rendered so by her own acts, - dirty, and indifferent as to cleanliness, & I was under the necessity of placing another female prisoner in attendance on her, to watch her & keep her from mischief, & likewise endeavour & keep her clean & decent. As yet she was quiet and reasonable, tho' cunning, sly and artful, - always ready with an excuse for any and every foolish act, - tho' such were vague, unreasonable and not in correspondences with the act itself - medication & mild restraint were at first employed to check this disposition, but notwithstanding such, at the latest date (15th) from her violent, noisy & irrational manner such was no avail and it was absolutely necessary to employ the latter in the form of a strait-waistcoat, continually, to enforce anything like order in her behaviour. In reference to this woman (as noticed in the Remarks of the Nosological Returns) my opinion is that some previous indisposition seems to have led to the present affection, & so shortly after embarkation her manner altho' not of that character or at intervals it latterly assumed, was such as to leave no doubt as to mental infirmity existing, yet that any cause during so short a period on board could have induced it is not evidenced; she was stated as being an incorrigible pilferer, yet the manner & character of such habits as pursued, would if noticed as I have already explained, led those from under whose previous care & watching she was transferred to some such interference as suggested itself to my mind. However, altho' such might have been overlooked yet she never lost the propensity to pilfer, whenever her "waistcoat" was removed, as likewise to destroy mischievously every thing that came near her even to her own clothing, of which at several times, when by biting thro' the lacing of the jacket that confined the sleeves she</p>

			<p>was enabled to remove it, she left herself destitute & naked; - the mind daily appeared to lose its energy, and altho' in general quiet, yet at intervals especially if excited from the most trifling cause, or something unknown her language, manner & unreasonable acts evidenced too clearly & freely the existence of mania.</p> <p>In reference to the treatment pursued, mild restraint was alone employed, that of a strait-waistcoat, removed by her attendants, (two of which were constantly in attendance on her) when required for the purpose of cleaning or dressing her, - at night always placed in a cell, to remove her from all the sources of annoyance on the part of her fellow prisoners, as likewise in having the further beneficial effects of relieving her mind, all sources of enquiring and anxiety being removed from her sight. Generous diet was allowed and careful attention to the state of the bowels. Her health did not appear to suffer except shortly in the Tropics, when an attack of "Icteras" threatened, prevented by active purgatives, - the paroxysms were more violent, altho' not of long duration, more particularly marked by abusive & incoherent language to all and everybody about her, - this did not impair the health of her body, but the mind never evidenced any improvement, and at the time of arrival tho' she as in general health her mind was so far affected as not to allow her being removed from under restraint & constant attendance. She was removed to a "Lunatic Asylum", which since being her I visited, and I regret to say no amendment has as yet manifested itself rather I might add, report most unfavourably.</p>
<p>Hepatitis Chronicas</p> <p>PB010215.JPG</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Ann Heath Aet. 30. Convict June 20th At Sea To Hospital</p>	<p>This woman presented herself on the morning of this day, suffering from diarrhoea & which she stated had continued for two days previously. Accompanying this was pain referred to the right hypochondrium extending along the margin of the lower ribs, occasionally shooting towards the clavicle, - tongue much loaded, nausea & anorexia -with much derangement of the prima viae - feeling weakly & emaciated - abjectic. On further enquiry it was elicited that she had been subject to this complaint previously and for some period, and but recently previous to embarkation. Her general appearance indicated much suffering, and she was placed under treatment.</p> <p>In respect to this, withering particular marked it, being as usual instituted in these cases. After the administration of a saline effervescent aperient, the use of <i>Hyd. Sub. gr ij ĉ Ext. Opii gr ¼ saponis q s ft pil. bis die</i> was instituted to slightly affect the system, aided by frequent blisters to the seat of pain, - such as followed by considerable amelioration & improvement, and the hope was entertained that by occasional oleaginous purgatives to assist the removal of the mercurial action established, that permanent relief would have been induced. But on the subsidence of mercurial action, diarrhoea again occurred, of dark watery dejections with occasional lancinating pains thro' the right hypogastrium - Blisters at intervals were again referred to and occasional purgatives either of <i>Tr. Rhei ĉ Aq. M. Pip - or Ol. Ricini.</i> - (mild alkaline astringent when employed were followed by feeling of</p>

			distension & uneasiness of abdomen with recurrence of pain in right hypochondrium). Tonics – occasional alteratives & generous diet were employed, but with no better effect – latterly slight prolapsus ani presented, induced I think from the constant irritation and frequency of diarrhoea, together with the enervated state of system and impaired condition of the constitution. On arrival slight attack of laryngitis supervened of which she had twice suffered for on board, on both instances relieved. This, together with her present affection and impaired state of health, considered it necessary her removal to Hospital for further treatment to recovery.
Prolapsus Uteri PB010216.JPG	3	Frances Payne Aet. 34. Convict June 21 st At sea To Hospital	In reference to this case it is only noticed in consequence of having been discharged to Hospital, the reason why such being rendered advisable in consequence of her latterly being without proper pessaries, and the necessity there was of her accommodating herself to the use of such to be employed at Hospital, to render her useful on being discharged to Anson. It was an affection that had been suffered from at an early period, and altho' had been married (at present a widow) never had any children, or had miscarried. Nor could I ascertain that any cause in particular, rather than general constitutional debility induced it. It proved very troublesome at several periods during the voyage, but its reduction was easy- a pessary (such as it was) held it so, and horizontal posture for some time assisted much. Port Wine injections in combination with <i>vinci Sulphat.</i> were of much avail, - and tonics with generous diet aided much, - mild enemata were occasionally useful, and with the exception of once when from too long removal of the pessary the womb fell very low, and so suppression of urine returned, requiring venesection and the use of the Catheter ere reduction could be employed, withering particular marked it, otherwise than noticed in all these cases, and therefore it would be needless, and offer no information my entering into any daily statement of such. She was discharged to Hospital on arrival for reasons above specified.
Gastro Enteritis	4	Harriet Rigg Aet. 23. Convict June 25 th at sea To Hospital	This woman was convalescing from a severe attack of gastro enteritis, which together with its protraction, had been followed by considerable debility. Altho' on arrival free of all complaint beyond debility, and of which she was daily recovering, it became necessary her being discharged to Hospital to further recovery ere removal to "Anson". In reference to the treatment it was met by frequent blisters – enemata, - small doses of <i>Cal: ċ Opii, Saline</i> effervescing draughts – latterly the <i>citrate of ammonia ċ mist. Camphor & opii & oleaginous purgatives</i> , which removed all unpleasant symptoms, and subsequently improved diet, - mild tonics &c, was promoting that recovery of which at the time of arrival she as convalescing.

<p>Hæmatemasis</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Jane Smith Aet. 45. Convict July 16th At sea To Hospital</p>	<p>This woman was placed under treatment this day for an attack of Hæmatemasis, all the time marked by copious discharge of blood, accompanied by much uneasiness at stomach. She had suffered much from seasickness, which had tended to promote an enervated state of constitution, and no doubt had predisposed her from the debilitated state of stomach following from so forceful a cause, to the present attack. From her own statement she had been generally healthy, and active in her occupation as a laundress, nor could I detect that she had been of an intemperate habit. Her appearance did not indicate such, and certainly went far to support her statement, altho' so advanced in years.</p> <p>At this time large doses of <i>Tr. Ferr. Mur. ċ Tr. Opii</i> were administered, and the gastric uneasiness continuing, a blister was placed over the seat of pain – the bowels were regular.</p> <p>Such relieved the primary attack, and on its removal, generous diet was directed, weak brandy, water or wine at times as the stomach solicited, altho' the former appeared more suitable, - light tonics, and steady attention to the bowels. She continued under this form of treatment to the date of arrival, and altho' twice or thrice suffered a recurrence of her malady, yet such were slight and unaccompanied by that distress at stomach at first experienced, - mild aperients in addition to the use of <i>Tr. Ferr. ċ Opii</i> were employed, and the only symptom remaining which would be supposed under such causes of her advanced years to exist, debility rendered it advisable her being sent to Hospital for further recovery ere proceeding to "Anson".</p>
<p>Peritonitis</p> <p>PB010217.JPG</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>Catherine Sullivan Aetat. 20. Convict July 30th At sea died on board</p> <p>August 1st</p>	<p>This case presented itself subsequent on delivery. – Parturition took place at 1.45 A.M. of the 30th, unattended by any unpleasant symptoms beyond the child being still-born, - labour easy, – and the placenta became detached at the usual period and in the usual manner. Very little lochia succeeded, or ever manifested itself after delivery, and the after pains were trifling. An anodyne was instituted, - quiet enjoined, and she remained tranquil and composed until about 6 P.M. of the 1st – when making the evening visit found her very ill.</p> <p>All this time the after pains were slight, - skin hot, partially moist - thirst – appears much depressed, pulse rapid, intermittent force, very little lochia, - no uneasiness of mammæ – slight headache, yet what more particularly is remarked, on either cheek a red patch about the size of half a crown, - no pain over any part of abdomen or hypogastrium experienced. - bowels acting.</p> <p>She was directed, fomentation, hypogastrio et externis pudenda et 4^{tis} horis repetend.- <i>Rx. Liq. Ammon. Citrat. ℥v</i> <i>Mist. Camphoræ ℥iv</i> <i>Tinct. Opii g^{tt} xxx</i> <i>Aq. Fontana Ind ℥ij m [] haust. h...s</i></p> <p>This morning continues very ill, - night restless, - has had vomiting at intervals of fluids taken to allay thirst, - bowels have been purged several times much depression</p>

PB010218.JPG		<p>Vespere</p> <p>8 P.M.</p>	<p>& apparently suffering altho' examination can detect no pain of abdomen or over hypogastrium. – no lochia, or after-pains experienced, the skin is not so hot as last evening, but the vomiting is frequent – bowels much purged, tongue white and moist, - pulse soft, not very full, compressible, rapid, - is very restless & continually asking for something to drink, which as soon as taken is immediately ejected.</p> <p>At this time a large blister was placed over the scrobic.– cordis & upper part of abdomen – fomentation applied to the hypogastric region and over the pudenda, and the following draught directed every four hours.</p> <p><i>Rx. Ammon. Subcarb. gr xv</i> <i>Aqua Fontana ℥ij m et adde Tinct. Opii gr x et ft haust institio^a effervescent. ċ Acid Citric. ℥j in aqua ℥ij solvead</i></p> <p>Seen thro' the day repeatedly- no amendment. – vomiting recurs at intervals, and the craving for drink intolerant, - blister is producing some irritation, and it is to be hoped may relieve - no uterine action or pain – no lochia, - purging has partially ceased, not so frequent – there is present, wandering and slight delirium, with diminution of heat at the extremities, - pulse not so full, but quick & intermits – countenance shews that peculiar patch of red – no milk in bosoms – the face is moistened with profuse perspiration, - very restless.</p> <p><i>Cont. Haust. Anod. &c</i> – wine & water.</p> <p>Visited at intervals thro' the night & close watch observed – At 2. 45 A.M. her symptoms tho' much of the same character were more aggravated, - breathing had become short & laborious – heat not generally diffused over the body, - stomach still irritable altho' little more Retentive - extremities cold – strength becoming prostrated, - still the craving for drink, delirium and wandering increased, - jactation of arms, - eyes occasionally fixed. Altogether the symptoms indicate a crisis threatening dissolution, continued with her thro' the night & morning availing myself of all stimulants as for as long as deglutition admitted. Latterly such became difficult and incapable of, and she expired at 10.5 A.M., with a slight struggle on the morning of Aug^t 2nd.</p>
<p>Paralysis Partialis ċ Linquaⁿ</p>	7	<p>Susannah New Aet. 42. Convict August 25th At sea To Hospital</p>	<p>This case presented subsequent on a fall which this female sustained, in descending the starboard water-closet staircase, where from slipping her foot, she suffered a severe contusion on the occiput and back of neck, unaccompanied by concussion. Examination, discovered no fracture, but there was swelling over the parts, and on pressing the cervical spines a peculiar sensation was communicated around the root of tongue & fauces. Much nervous excitement accompanied and she was incapable of speech, beyond that of a stutter or difficult form of stammering, & rendering the words incapable of being understood – sense of tightness about the fauces, and the tongue feels as tho' cracked (such was her explanation) no headache, - pulse full & bounding, bowels acting – previously well -</p> <p><i>Venesect. ad ℥ xxiv</i> – syncope slight.</p>

			<p><i>Liniment volat, externis faucibus.</i> <i>Solut. Sulph. Magnes. ℥iij ċ</i> <i>Hydrarg. Submur. gr iij in lingua' pro re nata</i> Vesp- cannot distinguish having improvement as yet in respect the character of articulating – bowels acting, - a sense of lightness of the head is expressed, and she states herself better – pulse soft & freer <i>Emp. Lyttæ amplum nuchæ capitis et inter scapulas applic</i> <i>Pil. Col. Co. gr x h.s.</i></p>
26 th			<p>Blister removed and dressed – feels herself better – speech much as yesterday, - uneasiness about the tongue & fauces removed – no headache, - tongue clean – bowels open, pulse soft. <i>Curat vesicatory</i> <i>Cont. Liniment. externis faucibus</i> Vesp – ut mane – bowels not open today. <i>Continuend: Liniment:</i> <i>Pil: Hydrarg: gr v – h.s.s</i> <i>Solut Sulph Magnes. ℥iij primo cras mane sumend</i></p>
27 th			<p>Much the same this morning, - bowels acting from medicine – blister discharging- <i>Curat vesicatory</i> <i>Continuend: Lin. Vol. extern fauc.</i> Vesp- ut mane</p>
28 th			<p>Much the same, - complaining of a sense of fulness and distension about stomach, - bowels acting, - blister discharging, - no other compl. <i>Curat vesicator</i> <i>Rx Tinct. Rhei Co. ℥iv Aq. Menth Pip. ℥iv m et ft haust. stat. sumend</i> <i>Cont. Lin. extern. faucebus</i> Vesp. Gastric uneasiness relieved. <i>Pil. Hydrarg. gr h.s.</i></p>
29 th			<p>Slight improvement manifest in the character of speech, - blister discharging, - bowels acting – no headache – pulse soft. <i>Curat vesicatory.</i> <i>Cont. Lin. extern: faucibus</i> Vesp: - ut mane <i>Pil. Hydrarg. gr v h.s.s</i></p>
30 th			<p>Improvement manifests itself still more in the character of speech, - words are more easily distinguished, altho' still with difficulty expressed, - no uneasiness of head – bowels acting, - blister discharging. <i>Curat Vesicator.</i> <i>Cont. Lin. Vol. externa. faucibus.</i> Vesp. – ut mane <i>Repet. Pil. Hydrarg. gr v h..s.</i></p>
31 st			<p>Discharged to Hospital. Visited since being at Hospital, - blister continued discharging several days, - occasional aperients instituted, - the speech recovered its healthy character, and she was removed to “Anson”.</p>

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.							
<i>Laryngitis</i>	2	2					
Phlogosis <i>Peritonitis</i>	1			1			6
<i>Ophthalmitis</i>	1	1					
Pneumonia <i>Hepatitis</i>	1		1				2
<i>Gastro Enteritis</i>	1		1				4
Rheumatismus	1	1					
Cynanche Tons.	1	1					
<i>Lumbago</i>	1	1					
<i>Pleurodyna</i>	1	1					
<i>Varii</i>	3	3					
Ord. III. Exanthemata.							
Variola							
Rubeola							
Erysipelas							
Vaccina							
Ord. IV. Haemorrhagiae							
Haemoptysis							
Phthisis incipiens							
Phthisis cosfirmata <i>Hæmatamesis</i>	2	1	1				5
Ord. V. Profluvia.							
Catarrhus	1	1					
Dysenteria							
Neuroses.							
Ord. I. Comata.							
Apoplexia <i>Paralysis</i>	2	1	1				7
Ord. II. Adynamiae.							
Dyspepsia	1	1					
<i>Debilitas</i>	1	1					
<i>Cephalagea</i>	6	6					
Ord. III. Spasmi.							
Asthma							
Diarrhoea	37	37					
Colica	1	1					
<i>Hysteria</i>	4	4					
<i>Epilesia</i>	4	4					

Ord. Iv. Vesaniae.							
Amentia							
Mania	1		1				1
Cachexiae.							
Ord. I. Marcores.							
Tabes							
Ord. II. Intumescenciae.							
Anasarca							
Ascites							
Hydrothorax							
Ord. III. Impetigines.							
Syphilis							
Scrophula							
Icterus							
Scorbutus							
Locales.							
Ord. I. Dysaesthesiae.							
Amaurosis							
Ord. II. Dysorexiae.							
Ord. III. Dyscinesiae.							
Ord. IV. Apoceneses.							
Gonorrhoea							
<i>Leucorrhœa</i>	1		1				
Ord. V. Epischeses							
Ischuria							
Obstipatio	4		4				
<i>Dysmenorrhœa</i>	4		4				
Ord. VI. Tumores.							
Aneurisma							
Abscessas <i>Bursa Genu</i>	2		2				
Ord. VII. Ectopiae.							
Hernia							
Prolapsus Uteri	1		1				
Luxatio							
Ord. VIII. Dialyses.							
Vulnus	1		1				
Ulcus <i>Ustio</i>	2		2				
<i>Contusis</i>	1		1				
<i>Herpes</i>	1		1				
GENERAL TOTAL	90		83		6		1
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

Before I proceed to offer any observations which the Nosological Synopsis or Cases noted in Journal may have elicited, I will in the first place in conformity with that clause of note 37 of the Instructions for Surgeons—Superintendents of Convict Ships, offer that statement & relative to the Convicts.

On the 2nd, seventy-two, and subsequently on the 4th May ninety-eight Female Convicts from Millbank Prison, London were embarked at Woolwich on board the Sea Queen, at either time to all appearance in a healthy condition. Throughout the voyage, with the exception of a diarrhoeal affection that presented about the latter end of July, and one death sequel of child-birth nothing particularly presented itself, and beyond those who from ill health, or to be under medical surveillance for a short period, were discharged to Hospital on arrival (10 in number) – the remainder 63 on of the 3rd and 96 female convicts together with 15 Children on the 4th September, were disembarked in a healthy condition.

In reference to the Nosological Synopsis, and cases entered in Journal, the Remarks I would offer will but shew a brief recapitulation of those noted in the Nosological Returns for the period of the Voyage, and will be confined to those which from their character in either order are deserving of such.

Altho' from the nature of such a voyage as the present, the sudden and rapid changes to which the body is incidentally exposed, and which we might suppose to iterate more particularly on the female constitution, it will be noticed that its effects were slight and that such was more favourable than might have been expected. The circumstance of leaving England on the approach of a northern summer, would tend to accommodate the individual to the gradual increase of heat approaching the Equatorial region, more so than under an opposite influence, and further, when on quitting the latter our advance to the Southward, the meeting with those winds which from the quarter prevailing (Northerly West^y) were of temperate character and but seldom marked by boisterous or squally weather, the interval short that did not allow of some few women having air & exercise on deck, such further tended to promote and support a healthy condition amongst them.

In general under any circumstances amongst a number of persons of either sex, we notice the Phlegmasiae present a more varied & numerous character, & except when, from any particular cause or predisposition, or influence of season say of the exanthemata, profluvia or Spasmi became epidemical, generally so. In the present instance, such applies to us, in reference to the diarrhoeal affection which presented, such tho' not in any instance presenting under irregular features (except two mentioned in Nosological Return) yet from the cause whence it derived itself, such points out forcibly for our attention, the imperative necessity there is of preserving dryness with ventilation on board ship where any number of persons are located, and in convict ships especially where the liberty of the subject is more limited than in other vessels.

Of the few cases which come under notice in the first order presenting diseases, Phlegmoniaë, three of these are noted in Journal, viz – Hepatitis, - Gastro Enteritis; & Peritonitis.

Of the first, (Hepatitis) the only peculiar feature marking it throughout was the accompanying diarrhoea, which altho' for a short time it succumbed to the mercurial action, yet recurred as such subsided & of its original character. Cretaceous or mildly astringent remedies, inducing abdominal uneasiness & hepatic disturbance, were objectionable; - occasional alteratives, mild tonics & more generous diet had no better effect, and as the character of the dejections indicated beyond doubt a morbid secreting action in the hepatic function, it may be inferred that its irritating character on the mucous membrane of the

intestine, might tend to support this unhealthy peristaltic action, and subsequently in connection with an impaired condition of constitution from previous attacks possibly promote that relaxed condition of the living membrane of the lower gut to produce prolapsus ani. She was removed to Hospital on arrival for further treatment.

The following case Gastro Enteritis was convalescent on arrival, but it was advisable her being discharged to Hospital as her strength required further recruiting ere being removed to "Anson". Its attack was severe & protracted & the head participated much; its cause I could not clearly assign having previously been in good health, yet was inclined to think that sea-sickness had predisposed to it, as about a week previous she had suffered from spasms and uneasiness of stomach subsequent on such, altho' relieved by remedies. Altho' nothing particular marked the case in its presentation beyond its severity, it was some time ere the urgency of the symptoms yielded to the treatment instituted for its relief, and never did it appear to justify the employment of venesection. It presented a relapse when previously convalescing, and tho' such was not so severe, yet it was marked by an alarming prostration of strength. In all instances, we generally notice, where the stomach is a principal participating organ in the disease, the debility which follows is proportionate to the severity, with which it has suffered, and cautiously & carefully, are we under the necessity of pursuing those remedial measures to the recovery of its healthy reaction, so liable are such to relapse. She has since recovered her usual health & removed to "Anson".

The case of Peritonitis, it will be noticed presented subsequent to delivery, in which the stomach appeared principally to suffer. There was no reason from the character of the "labour" to have apprehended such alarming and fatal symptoms as subsequently supervened. A peculiar feature to this case is the previous paralytic affection which presented on the 1st July, attacking partially the left arm, and slightly the left leg, noticed in the Nosological Returns, of which she recovered. She had been subject to Epilepsia, one attack of which she suffered after embarkation. During her pregnancy every care and attention was observed with her as she advanced to the period of her accouchement; - she was very nervous, and alarmed at the slightest cause. The child we notice was still-born, altho' no difficulty or outward symptom presented in parturition. The paralytic affection was partial, and the head did not evidence any disturbance. Blisters to the part affected, aided by purgatives, relieved it entirely, and it was viewed as an instance occasionally met with, arising as the effect of some irregular pressure of the gravid uterus. All however were mark subsequent to delivery, the lochial suppression - the brief & trifling reaction of the uterus, are we to infer that the paralytic affection however apparently partial had proved fatal to the infant, and influenced the uterine action? If so, may we seek for a cause that the stomach should have so particularly suffered, by viewing it as sympathetic, and as an effort of nature to excite the sluggish nature of the uterus, thereby to promote those discharges which would tend to recover its former healthy action - Such discharge never manifested itself - the uterine action continued dormant and the violent action of the stomach never sensibly succumbed under the remedies employed.

Of the next Ord. Hæmorrhagia, one case of Hæmatamesis is noted in Journal. Altho' these cases on board ship generally present after a continuance on salt provisions, and as symptomatic of some scorbutic taint in the system, yet in this instance, I think it was to be attributed as the effect of sea-sickness, of which she had suffered severely. Such a cause, more especially of a woman of her advanced years, and who tho' not in health, yet of enervated constitution, would be expected to operate severely, and such it was on presentation. The treatment pursued tho' relieving the urgent features at the onset, did not entirely remove it, as twice or thrice, recurrence, tho' of slighter feature, presented. Still the remedies instituted controlled it, and generous diet, light tonics, & attention to the bowels were essentially useful, debility alone remaining, which on arrival rendered it advisable in a woman of her years, removal to Hospital for a short period to recovery. I have generally in all the cases that have

presented to my notice, experienced the useful & almost immediate effects of the Tr. Fer. Mur. in combination with Tr. Opii.

Of next *Cl neuroses*, the first ord. *Comata*, presents two cases of Paralysis. The former of these has been noticed under the remarks connected with the case of Peritonitis. The case which I am about to notice, presented, subsequent on a severe contusion of the occiput and back of neck from a fall sustained when descending the closet staircase. The tongue was the organ principally affected, as indicated by the peculiarity of speech. Altho' no fracture could be detected, swelling tho very considerable followed, over the parts contused, and there was a degree of tenderness evidenced on pressure over the cervical spines, communicating a peculiar sensation with the parts about the root of the tongue & fauces. From the treatment instituted, and which eventually, tended to the entire recovery of the patient, it may be presumed that some degree of congestion about the base of the brain had existed, affecting principally the 9th pr. or lingual nerve which deriving their origin from the medulla oblongata proceed to supply the tongue & parts connected therewith.

The ord. *Vesaniæ*, presents a case of Mania, a disease at all times most distressing, and so generally understood as not to require any remark, beyond what in this instance might have been the cause of it. Whatever may have been the previous history of the female that could have led to any correct conclusion as to what might have induced the disease in question, is indistinct. We only hear of her as one of the lowest and depraved of that class of unfortunate females, whose habits under such circumstances generally correspond with the accompanying depravity, intemperance more especially. This in itself we evidence as a frequent cause of cerebral disorganization & maniacal affections, and if as in the instance before us we add the other vitious propensity, we have sufficient data whence to devise a cause that would lead to the present affection. She had suffered from convulsive fits (epileptic no doubt) when in prison, (so I learnt from some of her fellow prisoners) and if such had been previously of frequent occurrence, or the report could be depended on, such might have led in connection with other circumstance, to the disease in question. It will be noticed in the report of her case, that the aberration was singularly connected with the propensity to thieve & destroy & was the principal reason which actuated the necessity of restraint, as otherwise, unless excited, generally quiet. The treatment is noticed in case, and I have only further to remark that it is much to be regretted her being banished to a penal settlement, where at no future time is the probability of her being useful in a menial capacity, possible also, the propriety of noticing closely any action or manner that might infer a morbid condition of the mental faculties to be approaching or existing, opportunities for which offer, I presume, in an Establishment like Millbank, before selection for embarkation, & devolving a responsibility on the receiving medical officer, nervous and anxious on a crowded vessel, without means (beyond what can be temporarily arranged) so invaluable in the conduct of such distressing cases.

The last to be noticed is under the Ord. *Ectopiae*, - genus, *Prolapsus Uteri*. Altho' nothing presented in this case, beyond what is usually such within all similar, it is to be regretted that proper pessaries were not supplied this female ere quitting the Establishment – those she possessed shortly became useless, and was under the necessity of employing sponge encased in portions of an animal intestine or bladder as substitutes, & which were but of temporary usefulness, and latterly was without any. Astringent injections of Port Wine & Tonic Sulph., - horizontal position, with attention to the state of the bowels & bladder & general health were instituted, and on arrival she was removed to Hospital, for the adaption of proper pessaries ere proceeding to "Anson".

Of the remaining cases under their respective orders as noted in the Synopsis, the Nosological Return has embraced all worthy of remark, and in conclusion I have only further to state that such offered no particular features either in presentation or treatment.

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