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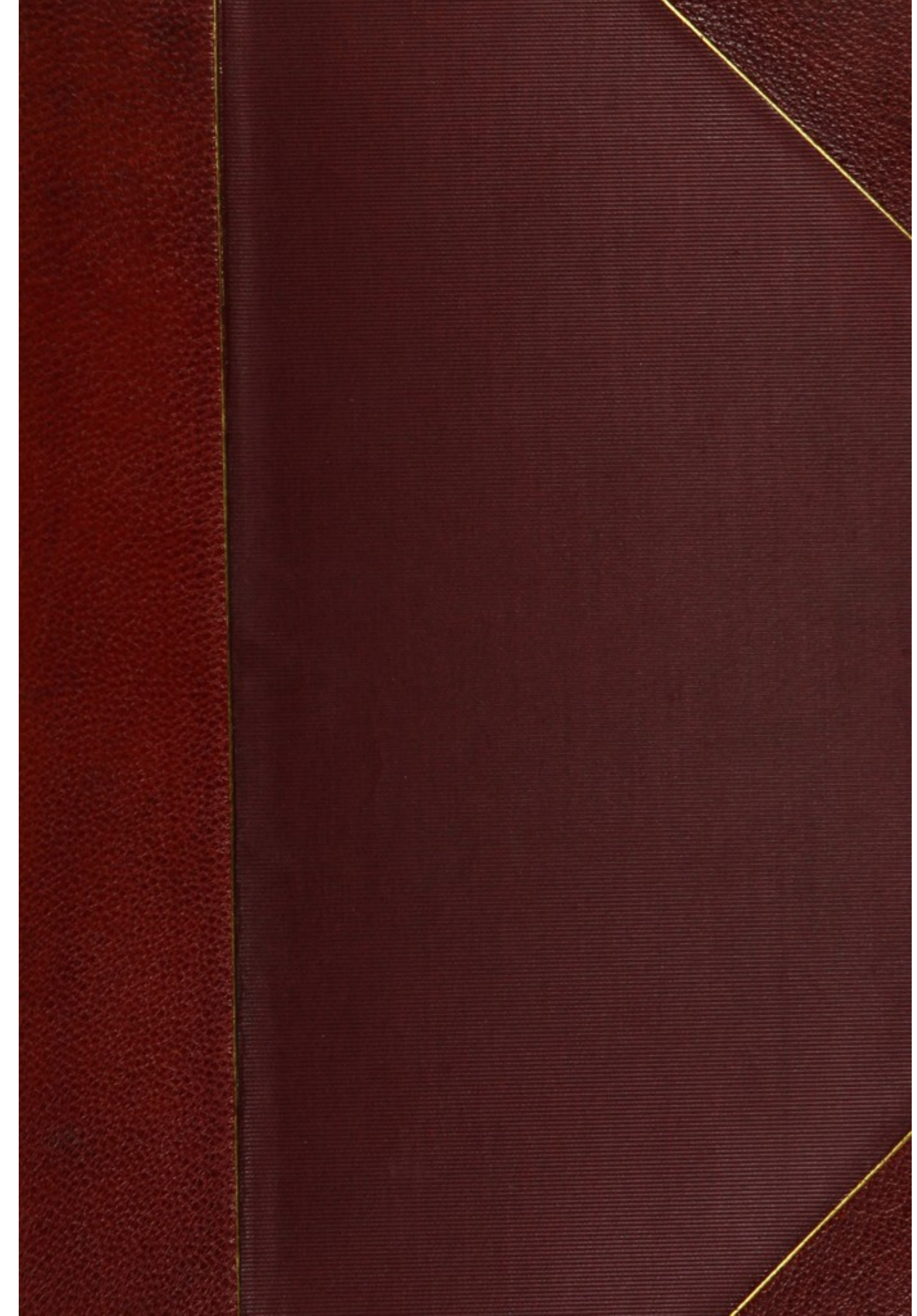
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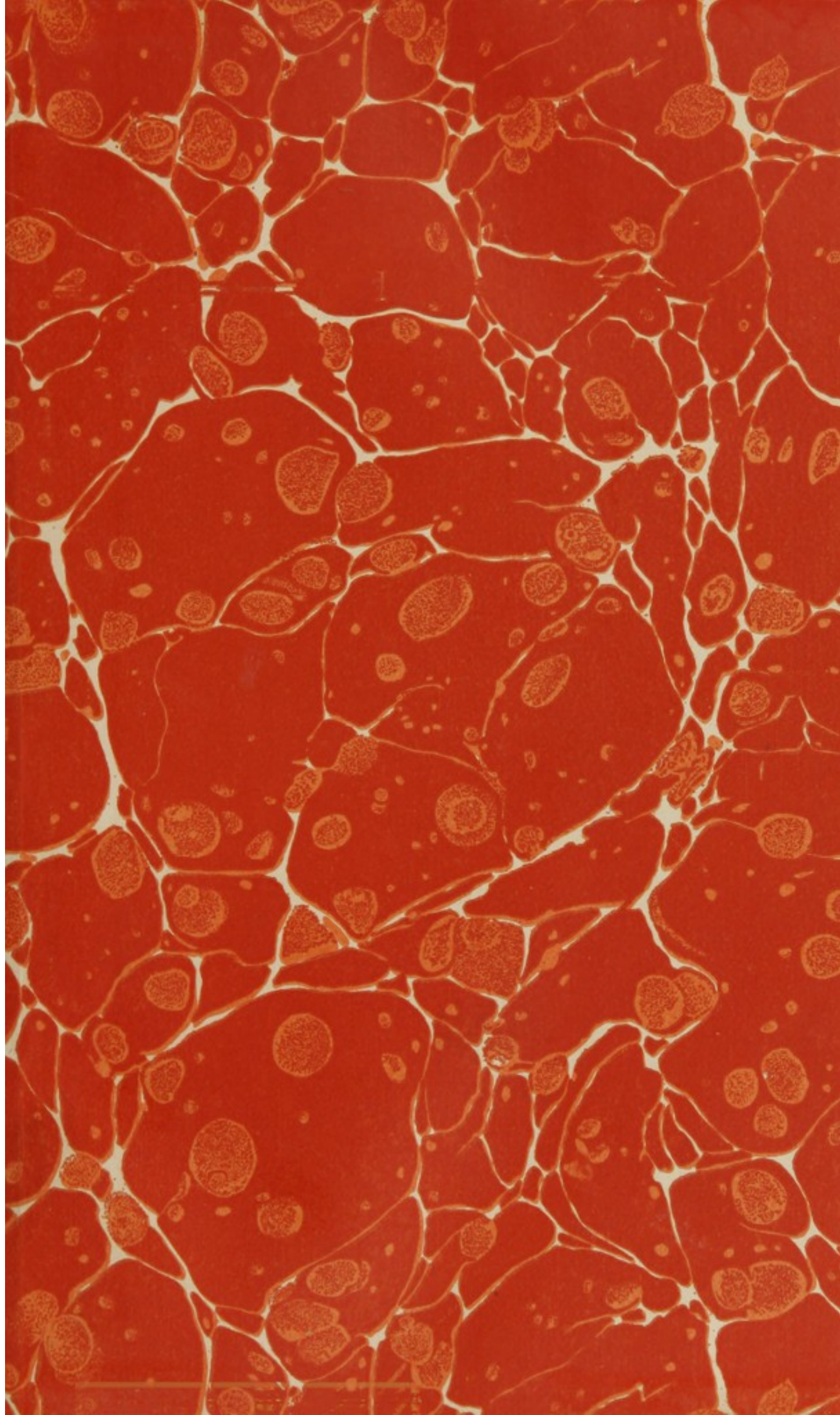
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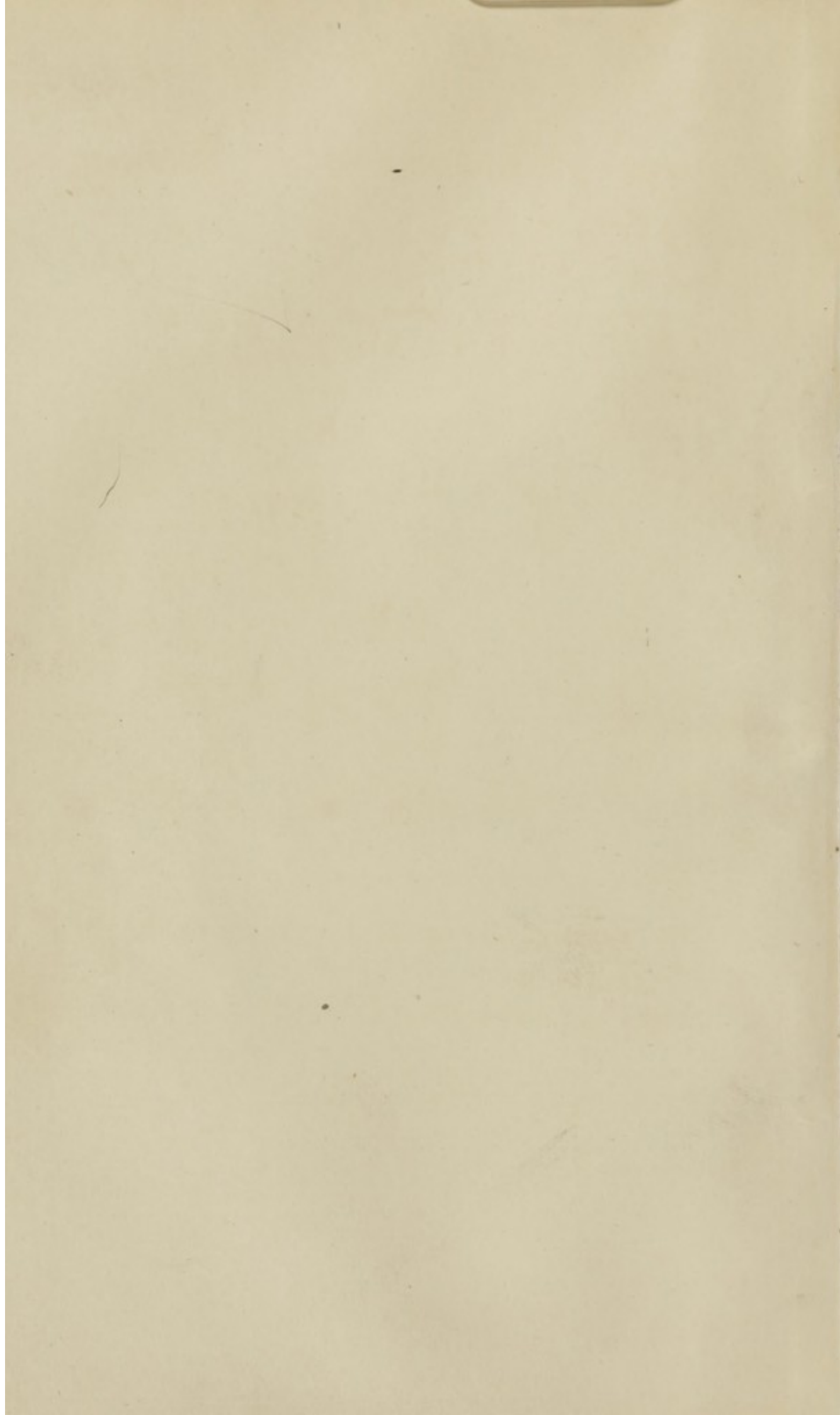
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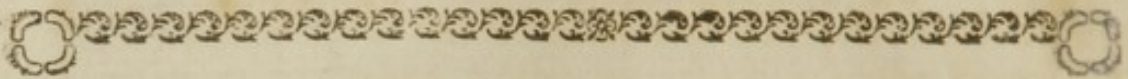
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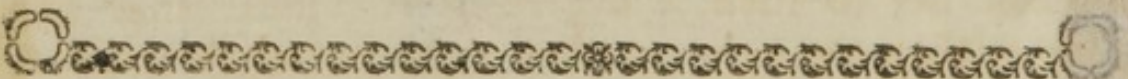


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PLAINFIELD, August 12, 1796.





C E R T I F I C A T E S, &c.

GEN. TYLER, AND MR. LORD.

I JOHN TYLER, of Preston, in the county of New-London and state of Connecticut, hereby certify, that on or about the 17th day of June last, I was confined by a wound, which I had before that time received, by cutting my right leg transversely, in which I had taken cold; and at that time the sore was in a high state of inflammation, and gave me great pain, to such a degree that I had been obliged to keep my leg in a horizontal position, in a chair, the most of that day,—when Doct. *Elisha Perkins*, of Plainfield, called on me, and having operated on me a few minutes with his patent metallic instruments, the pain in my leg wholly ceased, and the redness and inflammation of the wound entirely disappeared. I was free from pain that night, and indeed the pain and inflammation both ceased from that operation, and never returned again.

And I further certify, that my wife at that time was sorely afflicted with rheumatic pains in her hip, which had been upon her a number of years, and had affected her to such a degree as to render that side shorter than the other, and to make her unable at that time to raise herself from her chair without the greatest difficulty, or to walk across the room without leaning on her staff, and with that support, not without the greatest inconvenience; and Doct. *Perkins* operated upon her a few minutes, when she declared herself free from pain, and immediately rose from her chair, without any assistance or apparent difficulty, and walked

several times across the room without her staff, or any other support, and has continued to this time able to walk in that manner; not having complained of, or been troubled with pain in the night (of which she had much complained before;) and has truly been to all appearance, a different person, as to the use of her limbs, from the time of that operation, from what she had been for years before.

JOHN TYLER.

Preston, July 29, 1796.

I THE subscriber was present at the time of the above operation, and fully concur in the above statement of facts by Gen. Tyler.

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The pains after two or three operations, wholly left me, and the inflammation entirely disappeared; the swelling did not mature and break as it had usually done,—but in about twenty-four hours wholly subsided, and my throat became perfectly well.

The turns of the quinsy which I have heretofore had, though not more severe in their first attacks than this, have never left me short of the term of eight or ten days ; whereas this continued but two : And I have no doubt but it would have lasted as long as the others, had not Doct. *Perkins* operated with his instruments. I believe the cure to be effected wholly by his means.

NATHAN GLOVER.

Plainfield, August 9, 1796.

I THE subscriber was residing at the house of Mr. *Glover*, and was present at the above operation, and perfectly agree with him in his statement of facts.

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Plainfield, August 5, 1796.

MR. AND MRS. SNOW.

I ELIZABETH SNOW, of Plainfield, in the state of Connecticut, certify that in the month of June, 1795, I was sorely afflicted with pains in my ancles, which had settled there after a severe fit of sickness, and had troubled me to such a degree that I became very weak and emaciated. In this unhappy situation I continued about three months, until in the month and year above-mentioned, I applied to Doctor *Elisha Perkins*, who visited me and operated on the pained part of my ancles, with his metallic instruments. Immediately the pain ceased and has never since returned. I am persuaded a radical cure was at that time effected.

ELIZABETH SNOW.

Plainfield, August 3, 1796.

I THE subscriber fully concur with my wife, in the above statement of facts.

ABRAHAM SNOW.

MRS. STEARNS.

I HEREBY certify, that I have been troubled with a pain and weakness in my wrist, for upwards of six years, attended with a tumor, which had become hard and protuberant, about the size of a walnut.

In November last, Doctor *Elisha Perkins* operated on the part affected, with his metallic instruments, which gave an immediate relief; and I have experienced no pain there since. The tumor very soon subsided, and my wrist is in all respects as well as ever.

RACHEL STEARNS.

Plainfield, August 2, 1796.

MR. DAVID MOORE,

AND

MAJ. PERKINS,

Physician, and Member of the Medical Society of the
State of Connecticut.

THIS may certify that I have for many years been occasionally subject to rheumatic pains, which have at times confined me to my house for some weeks, and that I was some time past seized violently with a pain in my back, loins and hips. I called two different physicians to my assistance, and followed their directions, but with no apparent benefit. In four or five days from the first attack, the pain removed into my feet, particularly into my great toe joints, which swelled and inflamed, and became extremely painful, and remained in that situation several days, giving me little or no rest. Having heard of the effects of Doctor *Elisha Perkins's* metallic instruments, I was induced to try them. I accordingly had them applied in the mode prescribed. It was in the evening I thought I felt relief, and in the morning when I awoke, my pains, to my very great surprise, had wholly left me, and have never returned. The swelling and foreness gradually abated, and in two or three days I was well, excepting a weakness which I suppose was in consequence of so much pain.

DAVID MOORE.

Norwich, August 12, 1796.

THIS may certify that I was knowing to the above case ; also, to several others, where these instruments have been used with success, and am of opinion, that they promise important benefit to mankind.

JOSEPH PERKINS.

DOCTOR RUFUS JOHNSON,
A Member of the Medical Society of the State of
Connecticut.

I CERTIFY, that in the course of my practice, a few months past, I have made frequent experiments with Doctor *Perkins's* patent instruments, and have with but very few exceptions, succeeded to my great astonishment, in removing *rheumatic pains*, head-achs, agues in the face, cramp-convulsions, and inflammatory swellings of the throat.

The pains, after being once eased, have in but few instances returned; and then by a repetition of the operation, have been wholly removed.

From my own practice, and from what I know of the practice of others, I esteem Doctor *Perkins's* method of removing pains, a very important and useful improvement in the *healing art*; and wish that his instruments may be generally dispersed, that mankind at large may have it in their power by these simple means, to ease themselves of most of the bodily pains which so many experience.

RUFUS JOHNSON, Physician.

Canterbury, August 10, 1796.

DOCTOR T. BACKUS,
Member of the Medical Society, of the State of
Connecticut.

I THE subscriber was called on the 4th instant, to attend a patient, by the name of *James Crawford*, who for the term of nearly five years, has been frequently troubled with a species of epileptic fits.—When I first saw him, he had experienced in the course of the day, about twelve, each of which usually held him nearly fifteen minutes. At the commencement of one of them, I took from him about fourteen ounces

of blood ; but discovering no happy effect, I applied Doctor *Perkins'* patent metallic instruments to his right leg, in which he usually experienced the first attack of his fits. The whole leg immediately became limber and free from spasms, and he soon revived without suffering a general convulsion. About twenty minutes after, I being out of his room, was informed that the symptoms of another fit appeared, and before I could operate on him, he was universally convulsed with an entire loss of reason. I then applied the instruments to his right leg, six or eight strokes, when the spasms immediately ceased, and he recovered his reason. In a short time, he was seized with another, which was removed very much in the manner of the last, the instruments not being applied until a general convulsion had taken place. I then seated myself on his bed, that I might be enabled to apply the means more seasonably. Here he very soon discovered the symptoms again, but by applying the instruments, the symptoms immediately disappeared. Several others at intervals, commenced with their usual symptoms, by so contracting and cramping the right leg, that the utmost exertions of two men were scarcely able to straighten it, each of which were, in less than a minute removed by four or five strokes of the instruments, before they had extended to the other parts of the body, the leg almost instantaneously becoming perfectly lax.

By the request of a number of gentlemen, who were then present, when the symptoms of one appeared, I ceased to operate, that we might determine whether the above operations had prevented the general convulsions, which before the applications of the instruments, had always succeeded the first attack in his leg. Immediately he fell into a very severe fit, which appeared in one universal spasm. In this situation, I suffered him to continue a few minutes, when by

applying the instruments to his leg again, in less than one minute he was entirely free from any kind of spasm, and immediately recovered his reason. I still continued by his side, and prevented several other general attacks by operating with the instruments at the beginning of the symptoms. About one hour and a half after the first operation, the fits entirely subsided. He became easy and experienced none of those disagreeable sensations, which he ever had after former attacks of this kind. He informs that he had usually been afflicted with these fits except at a few intervals, about twenty-four hours from the time they first commenced, and it is presumed the application of the metallic instruments, not only shortened the fits, but lessened their number, as at this time they continued not more than nine or ten hours from their first commencement, and about an hour and a half after the first application of the instruments. He further observes, that he has discovered none of that debility which had universally succeeded his former attacks, and continues to this day enjoying better health than usual.

THOMAS BACKUS, *Physician*.

We the subscribers were present at the above operations, and fully agree with Doctor *Backus*, in his statement of facts.

CHARLES MILLER,
JOHN LESTER,
PHINEHAS KINDAL,
JOHN PIKE,
RECOMPENCE HALY.

Plainfield, Aug. }
9, 1796. }

DOCTOR JAREB DYER,
Member of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, and Surgeon to the 21st Regiment.

I CERTIFY, that for seven years past, I have been troubled with almost a constant *rheumatic pain*,

in my left shoulder. For the two last years it has gradually increased till it became very distressing, and has been attended with a stiffness, to such a degree that I could not raise my hand to the top of my head without great difficulty. On or about the 18th of June last, I myself operated on my shoulder when it was in extreme pain, with Doctor *Perkins's* patent tractors.—The pain, to my great surprize, wholly left me within six minutes, and my shoulder was soon freed from its former stiffness, so that I could move that arm and shoulder with the same ease that I could the other.—The pain has but once returned, and then very lightly, in consequence of severe exercise: It was immediately removed by applying the tractors.

I further certify, that I have been afflicted with a pain in my head for twenty years past. It has usually come on in the fore part of the day, and continued ten or twelve hours. Has often been very distressing. About the time of the above operation, I applied the instruments to my head, when in severe pain. I was in a few minutes eased, and the pain has not yet returned.—For three years before this operation, I do not think I have been three weeks at a time free from this complaint. From what I have experienced, and heard of the efficacy of Doctor *Perkins's* instruments, I doubt not but they will prove of great utility to mankind.

JAREB DYER, Physician.

Canterbury, August 11, 1796.

DOCTOR EBENEZER ROBINSON.

I HEREBY certify, that I have been acquainted with Doctor *Perkins's* method of removing pains and inflammations by pointed metallic instruments, for near a year; that I have frequently operated myself, and have generally had success in removing pains and inflammations of various kinds, among which, are

pains of the head, burns, and rheumatisms, that I have full confidence in the efficacy of the means, and that it is a very valuable discovery.

EBENEZER ROBINSON.

Plainfield, August 10, 1796.

CAPT. CYRUS SPAULDING.

I CYRUS SPAULDING, of Plainfield, in the state of Connecticut, certify, that from the month of May, to the month of July, 1795, I was in a feeble, debilitated state, and was afflicted with almost a constant pain across the small of my back, which at times was very severe. In the month of July, I applied to Doctor *Elisha Perkins*, for physical aid: He proposed removing my pain with his metallic instrument, without any internal application. As I was far from having any faith in such apparently simple means, I treated them with ridicule. However, I consented to his operating on the affected part; when in a few minutes, to my great astonishment, the pain wholly left me, and has never since returned.

CYRUS SPAULDING.

REV. JOEL BENEDICT.

I JOEL BENEDICT, of Plainfield, certify, that I was present at the time that Capt. *Cyrus Spaulding* was eased of pain by Doctor *Perkins*, as certified above; and that I have also myself several times removed pains of different kinds by his patent metallic instruments. Cures performed in this way appear to me as real, and no more liable to a relapse, than those by any other means. The cure of an accidental scald, I have myself experienced. The pain was relieved in

a few minutes, and the soreness soon left it and the cure was entire. I am persuaded that the invention is important, and will be of great benefit to mankind.

JOEL BENEDICT, *Pastor of*
a Church in Plainfield.

August 10, 1796.

REV. WALTER KING.

THIS may certify, that the subscriber has been present, in sundry instances, where pains have been apparently removed by the application of metallic instruments, invented and improved by Doctor *Elisha Perkins* of Plainfield, and that the use of said instruments appears to me, to promise extensive benefit to society.

WALTER KING, *Pastor of the*
second Church in Norwich.

Norwich, August 12, 1796.

REV. SOLOMON MORGAN.

I HEREBY certify whom it may concern, that I have had opportunity of making use of Dr. *Elisha Perkins's* tractors, in cases of pain in the head, and burns, and have succeeded to the relief of the patients; and from what I have heard from others, I believe that said tractors are useful to the removing of many of the pains to which we are subject; and think that a more general use of them, may be for the benefit of mankind.

SOLOMON MORGAN, *Pastor*
of the first church in Canterbury.

Canterbury, August 10, 1796.

REV. ELHANAN WINCHESTER.

I CERTIFY that on the 21st of March, 1796, I saw Doct. *Perkins's* method of cure by pointed metallic instruments, tried with success, upon several patients in the poor-house or bettering-house in Philadelphia;—especially upon a man who was unable to lift his right hand to his head, as was tried before-hand; but who after a few minutes operation, was able to remove it at pleasure, and in my sight, put it with ease on the top of his head and back of his neck, and in all directions.

Nearly the same effects took place upon a woman; and all that I saw treated, professed that their pains ceased after being treated a short time: And several came voluntarily, and in my hearing, thanked the Doctor for cures he had performed on them about eight weeks before, in removing pains from them, which they declared had not since returned. So that from what I saw with my own eyes, and what I have heard, I have great hopes that this method will greatly tend to alleviate the miseries of mankind.

ELHANAN WINCHESTER.

Philadelphia, April 4, 1796.

REV. MICAIAH PORTER.

I MICAIAH PORTER, of Voluntown, in the county of Windham and state of Connecticut, certify, that I have myself made repeated experiments with Doctor *Perkins's* metallic instruments, for removing pains and inflammations; that I have almost invariably succeeded to my own astonishment, in curing headaches, teeth-aches, rheumatisms and burns: In other complaints, I have not had opportunity for trial: But I am fully convinced, from my own experiments, and from what I have known of others, that this me-

thod of removing pains and inflammations from human bodies, is a very important discovery, and that it must contribute very much to alleviate the distresses and infirmities to which our frail bodies are so liable.

MICAHIAH PORTER, *Pastor*
of the first church in Voluntown.

August 9, 1796.

WE the subscribers certify, that from a variety of cases, which have occurred, not only in our own practice, but in that of our neighboring physicians, we are *fully convinced* of the utility of Doctor Perkins's patent metallic instruments, in removing various pains, spasms and inflammatory affections from the human body, and that the discovery is of importance to the healing art.

* JOSEPH BAKER,	}	Fellows of the Medical Convention.
* JONATHAN HALL,		
* ELISHA LORD,		
* JOHN BREWSTER,		
THOMAS HUBBARD,		Member of the Medical Society.

* Doctors Baker, Hall, Lord and Brewster, with the author of the metallic discovery, are the five representatives from Windham county to the Connecticut Medical Convention.

MANY other certificates might have been inserted relative to the discussion of piles and fellons, cures of gouts, &c. but it is presumed that enough is here exhibited to convince an unprejudiced mind, that the metallic instruments have performed radical cures.

Measures have been pursued that the means of removing pains, &c. may be obtained in various parts of the United States. The following is a list of the names and places of a-

*hode of some who have the transfers and patent instruments
for sale.*

DOCTOR Thaddeus M'Cartey, Keene, New-Hampshire.

— Smith, M.D. Dartmouth College, do.

Rev. John Smith, Dighton, Massachusetts.

Doctor Joseph Trumbull, Petersham, do.

Doctor Seth Field, Brookfield, do.

Mr. John Ruggles, Berry, do.

Doctor Thomas Babbit, Brookfield, do.

Mr. Samuel Satterlee, Williamstown, do.

Rev. — White, Bristol, Rhode-Island.

George Burrill, Esq. Providence, do.

Doctor John Aldrich, Hopkinton, do.

Capt. Ladd, Newport, do.

Doctor Daniel Coit, Norwich, Connecticut.

Doctor Jonathan Hall, Pomfret, do.

Doctor Thomas Hubbard, do. do.

Doctor Joseph Baker, Brooklyn, do.

Doctor Penuel Hutchins, Killingly, do.

Doctor Joseph Coit, Thompson, do.

Doctor Asa Spaulding, Stonington, do.

Doctor Samuel Willard, Stafford, do.

Doctor Ripley, Norwich, do.

Doctor Thomas Backus, Plainfield, do.

Doctor Jareb Dyer, Canterbury, do.

Doctor Rufus Johnson, do. do.

Doctor Lee, jun. Windham, do.

Doctor John Pierce, Lebanon, do.

Hon. Nathaniel Niles, Esq. Fairlee, Vermont.

Doctor Aaron Kinsman, Newbury, do.

Doctor Joseph Lord, St. Johnsbury, do.

Amasa Dingley, M. D. New-York.

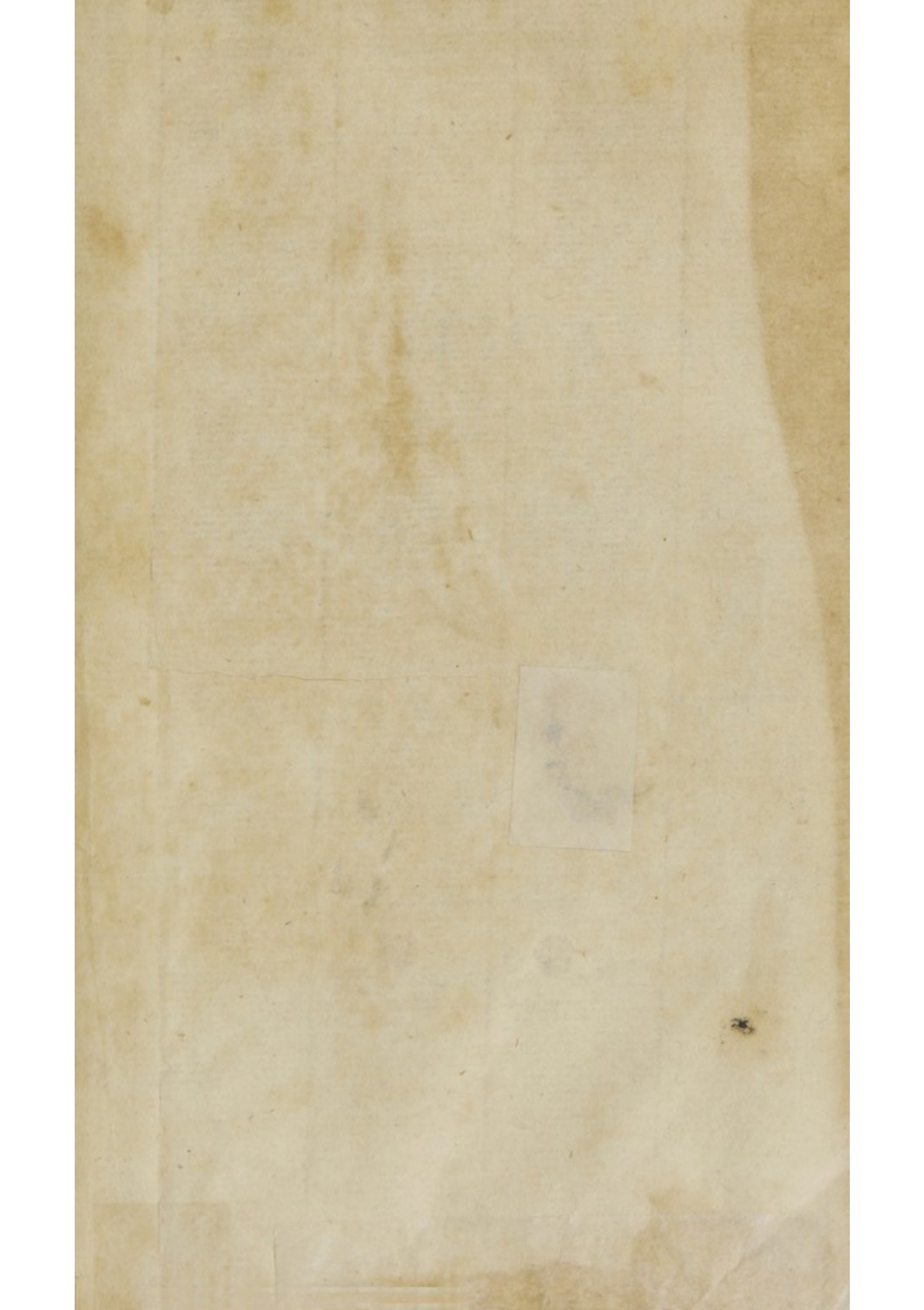
James Clark, M. D. and Son, do.

Doctor Samuel Nesbit, jun. do.

Doctors Wilson & Prentice, do.

Elijah Perkins, M. D. Philadelphia.

James Tilton, M. D. Wilmington, Delaware.



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Rev. Ezra Kipley
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necticut.

I CERTIFY, that in the course of my practice, a few months past, I have made frequent experiments with Doctor *Perkins's* patent instruments, and have with but very few exceptions, succeeded to my great astonishment, removing *rheumatic pains, head-achs, agues in the face, cramp-convulsions, and inflammatory swellings of the throat.*

The pains after being once eased, have in but few instances returned ; and, then by a repetition of the operation, have been wholly removed.

From my own practice, and from what I know of the practice of others, I esteem Doctor *Perkins's* method of removing pains, a very important and useful improvement in the *healing art* ; and wish that his instruments may be generally dispersed, that mankind at large may have it in their power by these simple means, to ease themselves of most of the bodily pains which so many experience.

RUFUS JOHNSON, Physician.

Canterbury, August 10, 1796.

DOCTOR T. BACKUS,
Member of the Medical Society, of the State of Con-
necticut.

I THE subscriber was called on the 4th instant, to attend a patient, by the name of *James Crawford*, who for the term of nearly five years, has been frequently

trouble with a *species of epileptic fits*.—When I first saw him, he had experienced in the course of the day, about twelve, each of which usually held him nearly fifteen minutes. At the commencement of one of them, I took from him about fourteen ounces of blood; but discovering no happy effect, I applied Doctor *Perkins'* patent metallic instruments to his right leg, in which he usually experienced the first attack of his fits. The whole leg immediately became limber and free from spasms, and he soon revived without suffering a general convulsion. About twenty minutes after, I being out of his room, was informed that the symptoms of another fit appeared, and before I could operate on him, he was universally convulsed with an entire loss of reason. I then applied the instrument to his right leg, six or eight strokes, when the spasms immediately ceased, and he recovered his reason. In a short time, he was seized with another, which was removed very much in the manner of the last, the instruments not being applied until a general convulsion had taken place. I then seated myself on his bed, that I might be enabled to apply the means more seasonably. Here I very soon discovered the symptoms again, but by applying the instruments, the symptoms immediately disappeared. Several others at intervals, commenced with their usual symptoms, by so contracting and cramping the right leg, that the utmost exertions of two men were scarcely able to straighten it, each of which were, in less than a minute removed by five or six strokes of the instruments, before they had extended to the other parts of the body, the leg almost instantaneously becoming perfectly lax.

By the request of a number of gentlemen, who were then present, when the symptoms of one appeared, I ceased to operate, that we might determine whether the above operations had prevented the general convulsions, which before the applications of the instruments, had always succeeded the first attack in his leg. Immediately he fell into a severe fit, which appeared in one universal spasm. In this situation, I suffered him to continue a few minutes, when by applying the instruments to

his leg again, in less than one minute he was entirely free from any kind of spasm, and immediately recovered his reason. I still continued by his side, and prevented several other general attacks by operating with the instruments at the beginning of the symptoms. About one hour and a half after the first operation, the fits entirely subsided. He became easy and experienced none of those disagreeable sensations, which he ever had after former attacks of this kind. He informs that he had usually been afflicted with these fits except at a few intervals, about twenty four hours from the time they first commenced, and it is presumed the application of the metallic instruments, not only shortened the fits, but lessened their number, as at this time they continued not more than nine or ten hours from their first commencement; and about an hour and a half after the first application of the instruments. He further observes, that he has discovered none of that debility which had universally succeeded his former attacks, and continues to this day enjoying better health than usual.

THOMAS BACCUS, *Physician.*

WE the subscribers were present at the above operations and fully agree with Doctor *Bachus*, in his statement of facts.

CHARLES MILLER,
JOHN LESTER,
PHINEHAS KINDAL,
JOHN PIKE,
RECOMPENCE HALY.

Plainfield, Aug. 9, 1796.

DOCTOR JAREB DYER,
Member of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, and Surgeon to the 21st Regiment.

I CERTIFY, that for seven years past, I have been troubled with almost a constant *Rheumatic pain*

in my left shoulder. For the two last years it has gradually increased till it became very distressing, and has been attended with a stiffness, to such a degree that I could not raise my hand to the top of my head without great difficulty. On or about the 18th June last, I myself operated on my shoulder when it was in extreme pain, with Doctor *Perkins's* patent tractors.—The pain, to my great surprise, wholly left me within six minutes, and my shoulder was soon freed from its former stiffness, so that I could move that arm and shoulder with the same ease, that I could the other.—The pain has but once returned, and then very lightly, in consequence of severe exercise : It was immediately removed by applying the tractors.

I further certify, that I have been afflicted with a pain in my head for twenty years past. It has usually come on in the fore part of the day, and continued ten or twelve hours. Has often been very distressing. About the time of the above operation, I applied the instruments to my head, when in severe pain. I was in a few minutes eased, and the pain has not yet returned. For three years before this operation, I do not think I have been three weeks at a time free from this complaint. From what I have experienced, and heard of the efficacy of Doctor *Perkins's* instruments, I doubt not but they will prove of great utility to mankind.

JAREB DYER, Physician.

Canterbury, August 11, 1796.

DOCTOR EBENEZER ROBINSON.

I HEREBY certify, that, I have been acquainted with Doctor *Perkins's* method of removing pains and inflammations by pointed metallic instruments, for near a year : that I have frequently operated myself, and have generally had success in removing pains and inflammations of various kinds, among which, are

pains of the head, burns, and rheumatisms, that I have full confidence in the efficacy of the means, and that it is a very valuable discovery.

EBENEZER ROBINSON.

Plainfield, August 10, 1796.

CAPT. CYRUS SPAULDING.

I CYRUS SPAULDING, of Plainfield, in the state of Connecticut, certify, that from the month of May, to the month of July, 1795, I was in a feeble, debilitated state, and was afflicted with almost a constant pain across the small of my back, which at times was very severe. In the month of July, I applied to Doctor *Elisba Perkins*, for physical aid: He proposed removing my pain with his metallic instrument, without any internal application. As I was far from having any faith in such apparently simple means, I treated them with ridicule. However, I consented to his operating on the affected part; when in a few minutes, to my great astonishment, the pain wholly left me, and has never since returned.

CYRUS SPAULDING.

REV. JOEL BENEDICT.

I JOEL BENEDICT, of Plainfield, certify, that I was present at the time that Capt. *Cyrus Spaulding* was eased of pain by Doctor *Perkins*, as certified above; and that I have also myself several times removed pains of different kinds by his patent metallic instruments. Cures performed in this way appear to me as real, and no more liable to a relapse, than those by any other means. The cure of an accidental scald, I have

myself experienced. The pain was relieved in a few minutes, and the soreness soon left it and the cure was entire. I am persuaded that the invention is important, and will be of great benefit to mankind.

JOEL BENEDICT, *Pastor of
a church in Plainfield.*

August 10, 1796.

REV. WALTER KING.

THIS may certify, that the subscriber has been present, in sundry instances, where pains have been apparently removed by the application of metallic instruments, invented and improved by Doctor *Elisba Perkins* of Plainfield, and that the use of said instruments appear to me, to promise extensive benefit to society.

WALTER KING, *Pastor of the
second Church in Norwich.*

Norwich, August 12, 1796.

REV. SOLOMON MORGAN.

I HEREBY certify, whom it may concern, that I have had opportunity of making use of Dr. *Elisba Perkins's* tractors, in cases of pain in the head, and burns, and have succeeded to the relief of the patients; and from what I have heard from others, I believe that said tractors are useful to the removing of many of the pains to which we are subject, and think that a more general use of them, may be for the benefit of mankind.

SOLOMON MORGAN, *Pastor
of the first church in Canterbury.*

Canterbury, August 10, 1796.

REV. ELHANAN WINCHESTER.

I CERTIFY that on the 21st of March, 1796, I saw Doct. *Perkins's* method of cure by pointed metallic instruments, tried with success, upon several patients in the poor-house or bettering-house in Philadelphia;—especially upon a man who was unable to lift his right hand to his head, as was tried before hand, but who after a few minutes operation, was able to remove it at pleasure, and in my sight, put it with ease on the top of his head and back of his neck, and in all directions.

Nearly the same effects took place upon a woman; and all that I saw treated professed that their pains ceased after being treated a short time: And several came voluntarily, and in my hearing, thanked the Doctor for cures he had performed on them about eight weeks before, in removing pains from them, which they declared had not since returned. So that from what I saw with mine own eyes, and what I have heard, I have great hopes that this method will greatly tend to alleviate the miseries of mankind. ELHANAN WINCHESTER.

Philadelphia, April 4, 1796.

REV. MICAIAH PORTER.

I MICAIAH PORTER, of Voluntown, in the county of Windham and State of Connecticut, certify, that I have myself made repeated experiments with Doctor *Perkins's* metallic instruments, for removing pains and inflammations; that I have almost invariably succeeded to my own astonishment, in curing head-aches, teeth-aches, rheumatisms and burns: In other complaints, I have not had opportunity for trial: But I am fully convinced, from my own experiments, and from what I have known of others, that this method of removing pains and inflammations from human bodies, is a very important discovery, and that it must contribute very much to alleviate the distresses and infirmities to which our frail bodies are so liable.

MICAIAH PORTER, *Pastor*

August, 9, 1796.

of the first church in Voluntown.

W E the subscribers certify, that from a variety of cases, which have occurred, not only in our own practice, but in that of our neighbouring physicians, we are *fully convinced* of the utility of Doctor Perkins's patent metallic instruments, in removing various pains, spasms and inflammatory affections from the human body, and that the discovery is of importance to the healing art.

*JOSEPH BAKER,	} Fellows of the Medical Convention.
*JONATHAN HALL,	
*ELISHA LORD,	
*JOHN BREWSTER,	
THOMAS HUBBARD,	

Member of the Medical Society.

* Doctors Baker, Hall, Lord and Brewster, with the author of the metallic discovery, are the five representatives from Windham county to the Connecticut Medical Convention.

Extract of a letter from John Vaughan, M.D. State of Delaware.
CHRISTIANA, JULY 14, 1796.

" DEAR SIR,

I HAVE operated in a few cases only with your instruments, for but few have offered since I possessed them.—One case of *nervous* or *hysterical head-ach*—perfectly cured—a case of *odontalgia* relieved. The third a young man, who had fallen ten or fifteen feet on the edge of an open ended hoghead, and received a considerable contusion, in the Umbilical Region, with *Tumefaction*. I bled him three times to little purpose.—But after about two minutes operation, with the instruments, he exclaimed, in extasy—"I am well—I am well—my pain is gone." The pain, however returned in a less degree, but in thirty or forty minutes went off entirely, and he went to work as usual?"

Your friend and obliged humble servant

JOHN VAUGHAN.

DR. ELISHA PERKINS.

CALVIN GODDARD, ESQ.

Plainfield, Sept. 25, 1796.

DEAR SIR,

“UNTIL of late, I have not been eye witness to many operations, with your *Metallic Points*—one case which appeared to me a little singular, I will relate—A rough, hardy labourer had a *very bad boil* upon the outside of his ankle—His leg was swollen to the knee, and his foot, to the toes, looked as tho’ the skin was ready to burst—The leg up to the hip, he said, was in extreme pain, so that he was deprived of sleep the night preceeding, and the foot was in a high state of inflammation—I drew the instruments repeatedly up and down the leg, without any visible effect or decrease of pain, so long that I was almost discouraged—at length however the patient pulled off his coat and flung it aside—(It was one of those cold nights the beginning of this month)—Upon observing his leg, it was of a sudden wet, with sweat—Indeed the sweat burst instantaneously from all his pores—The inflammation, upon the surface of the foot, subsided and the swelling abated—the man declared himself free from pain, went to bed and slept well, and I heard no further complaint—As I had never known of this sweating effect being produced I thought the case worth reporting to you.*

With sentiments of respect and esteem,

Your friend and very humble Servant,

CALVIN GODDARD.

* *This sweating is not unusual.*

REV. JOSEPH DANA.

THE following is a transcript of minutes, taken by the Rev. Mr. DANA, of Ipswich, containing a number (tho' not the whole) of cases in that town, where the subjects have received very sensible and immediate relief from Dr. Perkins's metallic points—from the 21st to the 24th of Oct. 1796.

Capt. D. R. Old rheumatic pain and inflamed eye; Capt. E. K. An inflamed painful leg; Capt. T. H. Fixed pain in the breast, of long standing; Capt. N. K. Pain in the back; Miss H. old rheumatic pain; Mr. W. D. Old strain in the shoulder attended with stiffness and pain; Mr. J. S. Strained hand with pain; Wife of Capt. A. S. Rheumatism of long standing; Mr. J. S. Violent headache; Mr. D. The same; Mr. E. Swollen inflamed bruise; Mr. S. Teeth ache; Mr. N. L. do. Mrs. M. J. Distress at her breast; Miss H. J. Inflamed eye; Mr. J. W. Pain in the side; Mrs. W. Violent head-ache; Mr. W. A. Foot bruised and swollen; Mrs. A. Swelling in the neck; Miss A. B. Pain in the shoulders & breast; Major C. S.'s Wife, Pains in her limbs, &c. Mr. B. Old rheumatism; Capt. D. G. Rheumatism, Mrs. T. do.

MR. NATHAN PEIRCE,

Master of the Alms-House, Newburyport,

Newburyport, Oct. 28, 1796.

THIS certifies that Dr. Perkins visited the Alms-House in this town yesterday, and performed operations with his metallic instruments on three persons, Viz. one woman, and two men, who have been grievously afflicted with the Rheumatism, and from the best observations I have been able to make, in so short a time, they all appear to be *much* relieved of their complaints.

NATHAN PEIRCE,

Master of said Alms-House.

REV. LEVI HART.

THIS may certify, That the subscriber has been witness to the success of the application of Doctor Perkins's Patent Metallic Instruments, in various instances for the removal of pains of the head and other parts of the human body—of rheumatic distress, and of pain occasioned by bruises, where it was exquisite—and the cure has been effected in a short time without any other application.

From personal experience, he is fully satisfied of the utility and importance of the discovery.

LEVI HART.

Preston, October 10, 1796.

REV. CALEB BRADLEY, and Dr. JAMES GOSS.

WE the subscribers, of Gloucester, in the county of Essex, and State of Massachusetts, certify that we this day saw Doctor Perkins' Patent Metallic Points applied with success on a child of Mr. James Smith, of fifteen months old, which had been about an hour before the application very severely *scalded*, by falling into boiling fat, with one hand and arm; on which large blisters were raised. After a few minutes' operation, the redness and fire almost wholly disappeared, and the child appeared to be eased of pain.

JAMES GOSS, Physician.

CALEB BRADLEY, Preacher of the Gospel.

Gloucester, October 19, 1796.

MR. EDWARD HILL.

I EDWARD HILL, of Dorchester, in the county of Norfolk, and State of Massachusetts, hereby certify, that I had been afflicted with the *Rheumatism* and gout

at times, for nine years past, and at length to such a degree as to be unable to walk. But upon application to Doctor Elisha Perkins for the use of his Patent Metallic Instruments, I was in the course of two days so recovered as to be able to walk without any pain.

EDWARD HILL.

We the subscribers were knowing to the facts as above stated.

NATHAN WEBB.

RALPH POPE.

Boston, Sept. 23, 1796.

COL. JONATHAN GLOVER.

THIS certifies, That I visited Dr. Elisha Perkins about the 20th September last, with a *violent chronic pain in one of my feet*, which the Doctor by applying his Tractors removed immediately. Upon my return to Marblehead, I felt a pain as usual, in my other foot, but which, on applying the Instruments, which I purchased of the Doctor, was removed directly.

I also applied them to Capt. Fettyplece's knee and foot, which were sorely afflicted with pain, and relieved him immediately. Several others I relieved of pains; particularly a pain in a lady's arm, and the *pleurisy* in a lady's side.

JONATHAN GLOVER.

Boston, October 5, 1796.

MR. CONSTANT FREEMAN, Master of the Alms-house, Boston.

THIS certifies, that Dr. Elisha Perkins, of Plainfield, Connecticut, visited the Poor-House of this Metropolis, about three weeks ago, and performed operations on several patients, with his celebrated Metallic Points; among whom he performed his operation on

one John Patterson. He had been in this Poor-House for six months with the Rheumatism—Two months of which he was confined to his bed—Four months he had hobbled about with crutches, when Dr. Perkins performed the operation; since which he has thrown aside his crutches, and walks only with a staff, which he uses, not for the Rheumatism, for he has none, but merely for a support, as his thigh bone was then and still remains dislocated.

Nancy Blake was also cured, by the Doctor, of the Rheumatism in the small of her back, which had constantly afflicted her for more than three years. It has not returned yet.

Benjamin Ross I cured myself of the Rheumatism in the small of his back and hip. This was ten days ago; it has not returned.

Lewis Dumeth, a Frenchman, was operated upon by the Doctor, for the Rheumatism in his lower extremities, which had confined him to his bed and crutches for months: but no sooner was he operated upon than he threw aside his crutches—walked about the house—has walked about the town since, and has had no return of the Rheumatism in either leg.

CONSTANT FREEMAN.

Boston, October 5, 1796.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

MR. JOHN PUNCHARD.

SALEM, Oct. 19, 1796.

SIR,

I HAVE operated repeatedly with your Metallic Points, and have succeeded in removing Rheumatic pains, agues, pains in the head, face, side, and

burns, to my astonishment, and to the astonishment of all present—I cured a man burnt with powder, in less than half an hour, with the Points, without any other application.

JOHN PUNCHARD.

JAMES GLOVER, Esq—*Norwich, County of Tioga,
State of New-York, Sept. 19, 1796.*

SIR,

HAVING lately purchased a set of your Patent Instruments to keep in my family, I have used them with great success on a person scald with boiling lye—a man by the name of Welch, who was at work in my pot ash, when boiling down the lye, some of it flew into one of his eyes—which soon became very much inflamed, and swelled to such a degree, that he could not open it—and remained in that situation, for the space of three days, when after a few minutes operating with your patent instruments, he was able to open it, and with two operations only, his eye was almost entirely free from pain and inflammation, and in a short time was perfectly well, although so badly scald he had almost despaired of its ever recovering, &c.

JAMES GLOVER.

REV. WALTER KING.

SIR,

THE frame and utility of your Patent Instruments have become subjects of so much notoriety and speculation, that almost all pained people are desirous of making trial of them. Their efficacy, within my knowledge, appears to be increasing.

I am more and more confirmed in the benefit of the

discovery, and cannot think but they will continue as long as the pains of the human body shall need them.

*From your much obliged and cordial friend
and servant,*

WALTER KING.

Dr. Elisha Perkins.

REV. DR. ROBBINS, of Plymouth.

Sept. 24, 1796.

DEAR SIR,

‘SEVERAL persons, since you left us, have experienced immediate relief, in various complaints, by the Metallic Points.

I operated day before yesterday on a man's hand, which was prodigiously swelled, and painful, by a wound he received on the back of it, which he neglected and got cold in. It was much inflamed--But was relieved by that single operation: The swelling subsided, and the inflammation went away, so that he went directly to work on board his vessel---He told me the last night it gave him no trouble.’

CHANDLER ROBBINS.

BEZALEEL WOODWARD, Esq. *Professor of Philosophy and Mathematics, Dartmouth College.*

Hanover, New Hampshire, Sept. 19, 1796.

Dr. Elisha Perkins,

SIR,

I HAVE made use of your Pointed Metallic Instruments in various disorders; and besides universally abating and generally removing pains in the head, face, teeth, &c. by application of them, I have found them useful in the *salt rheum*. Only one opportunity has presented for an effectual trial—that has cured the

patient by three applications, which being noised abroad, sundry persons affected with that disorder have been at my house this week to have the operation performed on them, and the disorder has abated on the first application, so that the present prospect is, that cures will be effected, for them, by further use of the instruments. A violent pain proceeding from a strain in the foot has by a few minutes application of the instruments been removed so as not to return.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

your most obedient and humble servant,

BEZALEEL WOODWARD.

REV. DOCTOR STILLMAN, of Boston.

October 6, 1796.

Dear Sir,

‘ I FEEL myself much obliged to you, for the important service you have rendered to Mrs. Stillman’s eyes, after a distressing inflammation of eight months. If, through too much exercise, or being exposed to very cold air, a degree of inflammation returns, it is removed in a few minutes again by the application of your Points.

I have, in my walks among the sick, made use of them repeatedly with success; and cannot but think that they will be of important benefit to mankind.’

SAMUEL STILLMAN.

To Dr. Elisha Perkins.

PIERPOINT EDWARDS, Esq. District Attorney
for the State of Connecticut.

New-Haven, October 7, 1796.

DEAR SIR,

‘ I SHOULD have written you last week, had I then been able to ascertain certain facts, the rumour of which I had heard. A Mrs. Beers, a near

neighbour to me, the wife of Eber Beers, and daughter of Capt. Samuel Huggins, of this town, had been, for fourteen weeks, exceedingly distressed with the Rheumatism, to such a degree, that for the last fourteen weeks, previous to the 29th of last month, she had not been able to walk across her room, even with crutches, save only once, when she made out, with the assistance of crutches, to hobble part of the way across her room.— On the 29th of September last she procured a set of your Metallic Substances, and in less than an hour after she had begun to use them, in the manner directed by you, she rose from her chair, and walked about her house, and on the next day she went abroad to her neighbours, having thrown aside her crutches. I have this day paid her a visit, in company with her father, Timothy Jones, Esq, who lives in the street where she resides and directly opposite to her residence, and with Capt. Abel Burrett, who is her next neighbour, and lives within eight yards of her door. I requested her to relate her case over in their presence, which she did; and these gentlemen all, with one voice, supported, from their own knowledge, her story. It is a duty which you owe yourself and the world to promulge this event.

*I am, very respectfully,
your obedient servant,*

PIERPOINT EDWARDS.

N. B. She says her fever has left her, her appetite has returned, and she is in a fair way to be restored to perfect health.

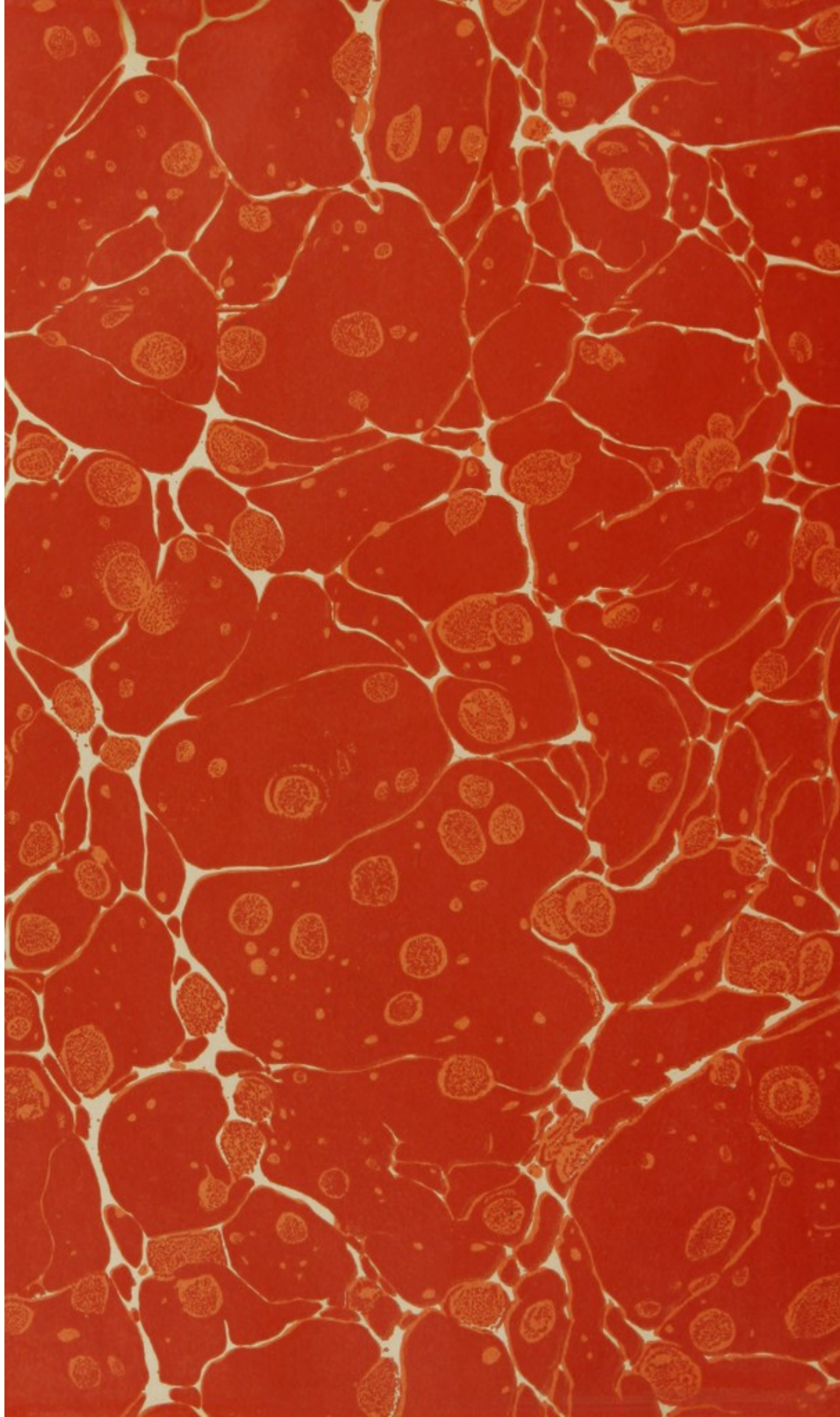
MANY other certificates and letters might have been inserted relative to the discussion of bilis and fellons, cures of gouts, &c. but it is presumed that enough is here exhibited to convince an unprejudiced mind, that the metallic instruments promise important benefit to mankind.

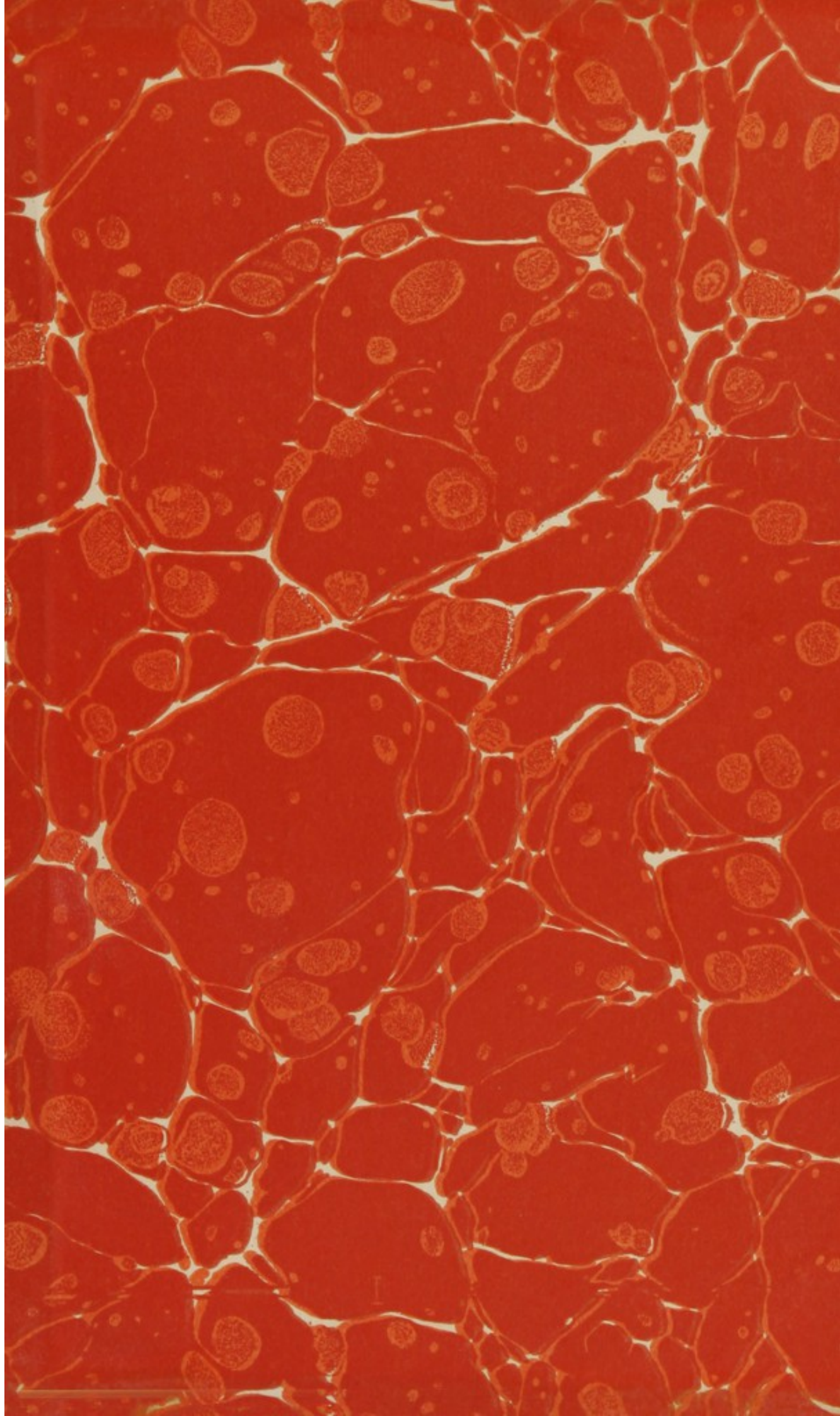
Measures have been pursued that they may be obtained in various parts of the United States. The following is a list of the names and places of abode of some who

have the transfers and patent instruments for sale.

DOCTOR Thaddeus M'Cartey, Keene, New-Hampshire,
 Nathan Smith, M. D. Dartmouth College, do.
 Rev. John Smith, Dighton, Massachusetts.
 Doctor Joseph Trumbull, Petersham, do.
 Doctor Seth Field, Brookfield, do.
 Mr. John Ruggles, Berry, do.
 Doctor Thomas Babbit, Brookfield, do.
 Mr. Samuel Satterlee, Williamstown, do.
 Rev. Henry White, Bristol, Rhode-Island.
 George Burrill, Esq. Providence, do.
 Doctor John Aldrich, Hopkinton, do.
 Capt. Ladd, Newport, do.
 Doctor Daniel Coit, Norwich, Connecticut.
 Doctor Jonathan Hall, Pomfret, do.
 Doctor Thomas Hubbard, do. do.
 Doctor Joseph Baker, Brooklyn, do.
 Doctor Penuel Hutchins, Killingly, do.
 Doctor Joseph Coit, Thompson, do.
 Doctor Asa Spaulding, Stonington, do.
 Doctor Samuel Willard, Stafford, do.
 Doctor Ripley, Norwich, do.
 Doctor Thomas Backus, Plainfield, do.
 Doctor Jacob Dyer, Canterbury, do.
 Doctor Rufus Johnson, do. do.
 Doctor Lee, jun. Windham, do.
 Doctor John Pierce, Lebanon, do.
 Hon. Nathaniel Niles, Esq. Fairlee, Vermont.
 Doctor Aaron Kinsman, Newbury, do.
 Doctor Joseph Lord, St. Johnsbury, do.
 Amasa Dingley, M. D. New-York.
 James Clark, M. D. and Son, do.
 Doctor Samuel Nesbit, jun. do.
 Doctors Wilson & Prentice, do.
 Elijah Perkins, M. D. Philadelphia.
 James Tilton, M. D. Wilmington, Delaware.







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