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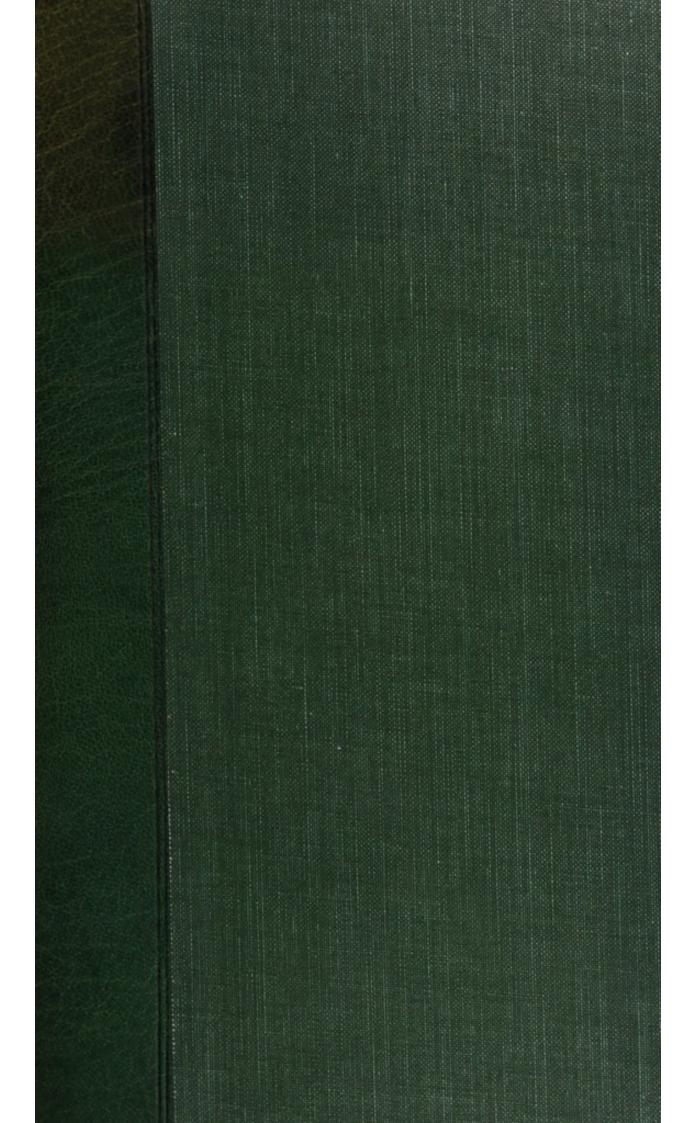
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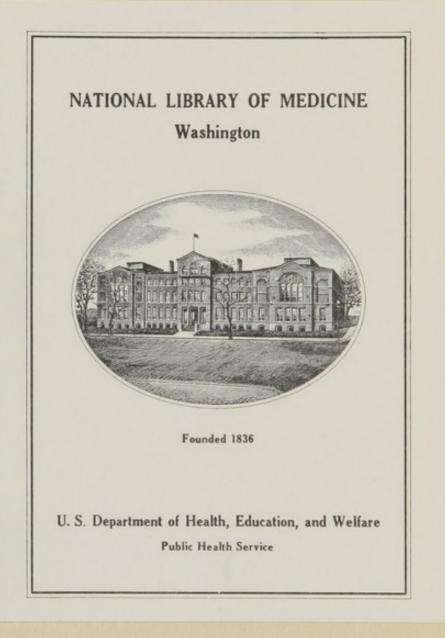
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## Doctor PERKINS'S

OF

Patent Metallic Instruments.

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TO THE PUBLIC.

ENSIBLE that every attempt at improvement in any of the useful arts, ever has, and probably ever will meet with opposition, either from interested or certain other motives, which in a greater or lefs degree influence the generality of mankind,-the fubfcriber takes the liberty to cite a few among numerous cafes in which his method of removing pains, inflammations, and spasmodic affections from the human body, has been attended with fuccefs.1 The novelty and apparent fimplicity of this practice, may poffibly induce fome, before they have had recourfe to experiment, to question its efficacy and treat the fubject with ridicule. That the public may be more fatisfactorily informed as to its utility and importance, he publishes the following certificates and letters, as received from feveral of the most respectable characters.

#### ELISHA PERKINS.

Plainfield, January 2, 1797.

EVIDENCES, &c.

EXTRACTS from LETTERS to the Author of the METALLIC DISCOVERY.

PIERPONT EDWARDS, Elq. District Attorney for the State of Connecticut.

DEAR SIR,

New-Haven, Octo. 7, 1796.

SHOULD have written you last week, had I then been able to afcertain certain facts, the rumor of which I had heard. A Mrs. Beers, a near neighbor to me, the wife of Eber Beers, and daughter of Capt. Samuel Huggins, of this town, had been, for fourteen weeks, exceedingly diffreffed with the Rheumatifm, to fuch a degree that for the fourteen weeks, previous to the 29th of last month, she had not been able to walk acrofs her room even with crutches, fave only once, when fhe made out with the affiftance 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 rofe from her chair, and walked about her houfe, and on the next day fhe went abroad to her neighbors, having thrown afide her crutches. I have this day paid her a visit, in company with her father, and Timothy Jones, Efq. who lives in the ftreet where fhe refides and directly opposite to her refidence, and with Captain Abel Burrett, who is her next neighbor, and lives within eight yards of her door. I requefted her

to relate her cafe over in their prefence, which fhe did, and these gentleman 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 fervant, PIERPONT EDWARDS.

N. B. She fays her fever has left her, her appetite has returned, and fhe is in a fair way to be reftored to perfect health.

## CALVIN GODDARD, Elq.

Plainfield, Sept. 25, 1796.

## DEAR SIR,

HAVE lately been eye witness to one operation, with your Metallic Points, which appeared to me a little fingular. A rough, hardy laborer had a very bad Boil upon the outfide of his ancle-His leg was fwollen to the knee, and his foot to the toes, looked as though the fkin was ready to burft-The leg up to the hip he faid was in extreme pain, fo that he was deprived of fleep the night preceding, and the foot was in a high state of inflammation-I drew the Inftruments 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 afide-(It was one of those cold nights the beginning of this month)-His leg, was of a fudden wet with fweat-Indeed the fweat burft inftantaneously from all his pores-The inflammation, upon the furface of the foot fubfided and the fwelling abated-the man declared himfelf free from pain, went to bed and flept well, and I heard no further complaint. As I had never known of this fweating effect, I thought the cafe worth reporting to you.\* I am, &c. CALVIN GODDARD."

\* This fweating is not unufal.

JAMES GLOVER, Efq. Norwich, County of Tioga, State of New-York, Sept. 19, 1796.

SIR,

AVING lately purchafed a fet of your Patent Inftruments to keep in my family, I have ufed them with great fuccefs on a perfon fcalded with boiling lye; a man by the name of Welch, who was at work in my pot afh, when boiling down the lye, fome of it flew into one of his eyes, which foon became very much inflamed, and fwelled to fuch a degree, that he could not open it, and remained in that fituation, for the fpace of three days, when after a few minutes operating with your Patent Inftruments, he was able to open it, and with two operations only, his eye was almost entirely free from pain and inflammation, and in a fhort time was perfectly well, although fo badly fcalt he had almost defpaired of its ever recovering, &c.

JAMES GLOVER.

### MR. SAMUEL SATTERLEE.

Williamstown, Nov. 3, 1796.

WAS called on in the evening by a gentleman with a Cancer on his lip which caufed a fevere inflammation in every part of his face ; I furnished

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him with a fet of your Metallic Inftruments, until the morning following, when he returned fo enraptured with their effects, that he readily purchased a set.

I am, &c.

SIR,

#### SAMUEL SATTERLEE.

#### MR. JOHN PUNCHARD.

## Salem, Octo. 19, 1796.

HAVE operated repeatedly with your Metallic Points, and have fucceded in removing Rheumatic pains, agues, pains in the head, face, fide, and burns, to my aftonifhment, and to the aftonifhment of all prefent. I cured a man burnt with powder, in lefs than half an hour; with the Points, without any other application.

#### JOHN PUNCHARD.

## BEZALEEL WOODWARD, Efq. Profeffor of Philofophy and Mathematics, Dartmouth College.

Hanover, New-Hampshire, Sept. 19, 1796. SIR,

HAVE made use of your pointed Metallic Inftruments in various diforders and besides univerfally abating and generally removing pains in the bead, face, teeth, &c. by application of them, I have found them useful in the Salt Rheum. Only one opportunity has prefented for an effectual trial—that has cured the patient by three applications, which being noised abroad, fundry perfons affected with that diforder, have been at my house this week to have the operation performed on them; and the diforder 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 firain in the foot, has by a few minutes application of the instruments been removed fo as not to return. I have the honor to be, Sir,

> your most obedient and humble fervant, BEZALEEL WOODWARD.

#### GEN. ELIHU MARVIN, Member of the Connecticut Medical Society.

## SIR,

Norwich, Dec. 20, 1796.

VINCE I have been in the use of your Patent Metallic Points, which is about four months, I have by way of experiment, made use of them in cases of pains and inflammations of almost every kind, and in fubjects of all ages and descriptions, and as might be expected, with various fuccefs. One fact however, I am fully convinced of, (in opposition to former prejudices) viz, That in a variety of circumftances a proper application of them is capable of operating a change in the human frame, which I can no more doubt, becaufe I cannot affign a fatisfactory philofophical reafon therefor, than I can doubt the operation of opium, becaufe the properties of that gum by which, and the modus operandi in which it produces fleep are to me wholly unknown. I am confident reasoning a priori would as soon establish one fact as the other. Cafes in which the Points have in my practice appeared fuccefsful, are fuch as burns, headaches, agues in the face, ophthalmics, pains in the limbs, breast and fides, and in cynanche tonfillaris,

yet candor requires I fhould say, success in these cases has not been universal.

One cafe of cynanche tonfillaris, or common inflammatory quinley, I will relate to you ;- I vifited a - young man late in the afternoon, found him exercifed with all/the usual fymptoms of that difease; fuch as a general inflammatory diathefis, the tonfils fo tumefied as to be nearly closed together. His throat and neck externally enlarged, a conftant discharge by spitting of a glairy mucus, and complaining of exceffive pain in the parts : By his account, thele fymptoms had been increasing for about three or four days. His mother informed me he had not fwallowed any thing for thirty-fix hours, except three or four fpoonsful of water, in which toafted bread had been foaked. I could not learn that any means had been uled for his relief, except keeping within doors, and making fome external applications. I applied the Metallic Point externally in the usual way; very foon the fpitting fenfibly decreafed. After fome time he obferved the pain was wholly gone on one fide, and much leffened on the other. I then directed him to make trial how he could fwallow; he took a tumbler of fweetened water, and drank it with little difficulty. and immediately ate about half a pint of cuftard. I then left him with directions to repeat the operation occafionally; and in the intervals to keep the throat covered with fome emollient poultice. On vifiting him the next day, I found him fitting at the fire, roafting oyflers, and eating them without difficulty; he observed he was well. I made every inquiry, to difcover whether the fwelling had not burft, but could not learn any thing from him which gave the leaft reaton to think it had. I left him a dole of purgave pills, which he fwallowed without pain and in a tow days regained his ufual health.

One cafe of a pain in the fide, occasioned by the

patient, while unwell, being exposed to a cold damp atmosphere, attended with great interruption of locomotion and difficult respiration, was completely relieved by a few minutes application of the Points.

With every fentiment of efteem,

I remain your fincere freind,

## ELIHU MARVIN.

DR. SAMUEL WILLARD, Member of the Connecticut Medical Society.

## Stafford, August 6, 1796.

DINCE I returned to Stafford, I have made trial with your Metallic Inftruments, with very happy fuccefs, in a cafe of an acute Rheumatifm, which had for a long time baffled all the remedies to which I myfelf and two or three other phyficians had advifed.

The Wart which I burned down when at your house, gave me no trouble as to any sensation of fire, after you operated on the inflamed part; I felt a foreness for several days after, but the soreness was no greater than would have arisen from the destruction of so much of the skin from any other cause.

It argues great folly to condemn any innovation or any new improvements in the arts and fciences, without due inveftigation, This is a kind of treatment however which you have already experienced, and which you must expect ftill to experience."

## I am, &c. SAMUEL WILLARD.

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## JOHN VAUGHAN, M. D. State of Delaware.

## Christiana, July 14, 1796.

DEAR SIR,

HAVE operated in a few cafes only with your Instruments, for but few have offered fince I posselfed them. One cafe of nervous or hyfteric head-acheperfectly cured-a cafe of odantalgia relieved. The third a young man, who had fallen ten or fifteen feet on the edge of an open ended hogfhead, and received a confiderable contusion in the umbilical region, with tumefaction. I bled him three times to little purpole. But after about two minutes operation with the Inftruments, he exclaimed in extafy, "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 ulual. I am. Sc.

## JOHN VAUGHAN.

## SAMUEL H. P. LEE, M. D. Member of the Connecticut Medical Society.

## SIR,

## New-London, Dec. 29, 1796.

HE following hiftory of cafes are among the number of which I have to inform you, were treated folely by the practice of your Metallic Points.

#### CASE I.

A boy eight years of age, being a convalescent from a billious remitting fever, was attacked with a severe phlegmonic inflammation in one of his legs. On the fixth day of its swelling I was called in for advice; confiderable fluctuation had made its appearance about his ancle, and the whole leg was fo tumefied that he could neither bear it to the floor nor lay it with cafe on a pillow or in a bed. The tendons of the foot and leg were contracted, and he could not fleep for three nights, more than half an hour : He would frequently cry out as if a needle had been pricking his foot; had a febrile heat over his body, and loft his returning appetite. I applied the Metallics, and in fix minutes he declared he was much easier. In two hours time, after a constant use of the Instruments he fell asleep, and did not awake or make any complaint until eight o'clock the next morning, when I vifited him and found the whole tumor fubfided nearly to its natural flate, except the place where the fluctuation appeared, which I conjectured would foon burft ; however the Inftruments were continued, and all appearances of tumefaction totally difappeared in four or five days. without any pain or forenefs, except a little in the It is not improper to remark that during the ancle. five days before I faw it, the family had applied a few common poultices, and fome applications of vinegar, fpirits, &c. On the fixth day they declared the inflammation appeared to them greater than at any preceding period, and more painful; that no other application either external or internal was used but the Instruments, from that time.

CASE II. A young woman aged 19, had a fpontaneous phlegmonic inflammation on the upper fide of the foot, attended with great pain and tumefaction.— On the ninth and tenth days, the Inftruments were used, previous to which nothing had been applied. The pain immediately mitigated, the fwelling subfided confiderably, and in the night following imperceptibly burst. The Instruments were continued; the wound discharged but very little, and in forty-eight hours from the time it burst, she walked in perfect ease, and the foot was well in four days.

CASE III. My little child was fealded with very hot tea, on the forehead, about three and an half inches in length, and three fourths of an inch in breadth, which raifed a vificle before I had time to get any thing to apply to it. The Metallic Points were folely ufed, and by three operations the whole rednefs dilappeared; the blifter broke, aud the liquor under it, formed itself into a scabby furface. The next day the wound was perfectly circumfcribed to the part bliftered, and in three days the whole caft off and left the fecond skin perfectly entire, without the smallest appearance of fuppuration or inflammation, and what is extraordinary, it never appeared to give the child the smallest pain, itching or smarting, and in appearance was fo unlike a burn, that many enquiries were made what it was that grew on the child's head.

CASE IV. A lady fell from her horfe, and diflocated her ancle, which remained feveral hours before it was reduced, by which it became very much fwelled, inflamed and painful. Two or three operations with the Metallics relieved the pain, and in a day or two fhe walked the houfe, and had no further complaint.

I have used the Metallics in many other inflances, wherein they appeared to have very falutary effects, but as the use of them were accompanied with other remedies and applications, I forbear mentioning them in this place. I am, &c.

#### SAMUEL H. P. LEE.

#### REV. DR. MORSE, of Charleston.

DEAR SIR,

December 9, 1796.

HAVE made a faithful trial of your Patent Metallic Points in a number of cafes—fuch as burns, pains in the head, teeth, face, cars, fide, back and limbs, arifing from colds, and in one or two inflances rheumatic pains have been relieved by them; and in one inflance the painful effects of the fling of a wafp were entirely removed. In fome cafes I have been unfuccefsful, particularly in a burn, where \*oil had been previoufly applied, and in the tooth-ache, where the teeth were very defective. On the whole, I believe the difcovery to be a very ufeful one, I wifh it cordially all imaginable fuccels. I am,  $\mathfrak{E}c$ .

JEDIDIAH MORSE.

\* In the transfer of the patent right, one of which accompanies each jet of instruments, are specified, the several diseases in which this treatment is useful,—the mode of operation, and the circumstances which prevent the general effects. It is there observed,—" the efficacy of the means is prevented by all oily and greafy fubstances." It may not be reasonably prefumed that relief could be given to teeth which were very defective.

#### REV. WALTER KING.

#### Norwich, Octo. 6, 1796.

SIR,

HE fame and utility of your Patent Inftruments have become fubjects of fo much notoriety and fpeculation, that almost all pained people are defirous 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 difcovery, and cannot think but they will continue as long as the pains of the human body fhall need them.

## I am, &c. WALTER KING.

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REV. DR. ROBBINS, of Plymouth.

DEAR SIR,

Sept. 24, 1796.

DEVERAL perfons, fince 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 fingle operation: The swelling subfided, 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.'

I am, &c. CHANDLER ROBBINS.

## REV. DR. STILLMAN, of Bofton.

DEAR SIR,

Octo. 6, 1796.

FEEL myfelf much obliged to you for the important fervice you have rendered to Mrs. Stillman's eyes, after a diftreffing inflammation of eight months. If, through too much exercife, 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 fick, made use of them repeatedly with fucces; and cannot but think they will be of important benefit to mankind.

I am, &c. SAMUEL STILLMAN.

REV. MR. BRADFORD, of Rowley. DEAR SIR, \_\_\_\_

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Dec. 2, 1796.

N the 26th of October last, the wife of a certain Mr. Lane, of Candia, fell from a horfe and hurt the small of her back exceedingly. A physician was immediately called to her relief, who blooded her, and administered to her fuch medicines as he judged proper. She was in the fifth month of her pregnancy; her friends of courfe were exceedingly alarmed at her misfortune. The phyficians' means proving infufficient for the removal of her pains during feveral hours, I was called upon by the advice of her phyfician and her friends, to apply your Metallic Points to her .--When I came to her lodgings, I found her fitting before the fire in the greateft agony, having little or no ule of her lower limbs, and not being able without the greatest difficulty, to raife her feet from the floor. By the help of her friends, fhe was laid on the bed, but was unable to turn herfelf by her own firength. The Points were applied to the finall of her back about ten minutes, and in fifteen minutes afterwards fhe turned herfelf in the bed, declaring herfelf free from pain. Soon after this, I proposed a fecond operation, and to leave her for the evening. This being over, the arofe from the bed, and walked feveral times acrofs the room, affirming that the was as free from pain as ever the was in all her life. That night fhe refted well, and without pain, and the next morning by funrife, mounted her horfe and rode thirty miles, fince which, I have heard nothing from her.

This, together with a number of other inflances, convinces me of the great and important benefits derived from a judicious application of your Metallic Inftruments. That they may have a general fpread thro' the earth, is the defire of

Yours, &c. EBENERER BRADFORD.

## CERTIFICATES.

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#### GEN. TYLER, AND MR. LORD.

I JOHN TYLER, of Preston, in the County of New-London, and flate of Connecticut, hereby certifiy, 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 fore was in a high ftate of inflammation, and gave me great pain, to fuch a degree that I had been obliged to keep my leg in a horizontal polition, in a chair, the most of that day, when Doct. Elista Perkins, of Plainfield, called on me, and having operated on me a few minutes with his Patent Metallic inftruments, the pain in my leg wholly ceafed, and the rednefs and inflammation of the wound entirely difappeared. I was free from pain that night, and indeed the pain and inflammation both cealed from that operation, and never returned again.

And I further certify, that my wife at that time was forely afflicted with rheumatic pains in her hip, which had been upon her a number of years, and had affected her to fuch a degree as to render that fide fhorter than the other, and to make her unable at that time to raife herfelf from her chair without the greatest difficulty, or to walk across the room without leaning on her ftaff, and with that fupport, not without the greatest inconvenience ; and Doct. Perkins operated upon her a few minutes, when the declared herfelf free from pain, and immediately role from her chair, without any affiftance or apparent difficulty, and walked feveral times acrofs the room without her ftaff, 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 the

had much complained before ;) and has truly been to all appearance, a different perfon, as to the use of her limbs, from the time of that operation, from what she had been for years before.

## JOHN TYLER.

## Prefton, July 29, 1796.

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

## Col. JONATHAN GLOVER.

HIS certifies, That I vifited Dr. Elifha Perkins about the 20th of September laft, 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 ufual, in my other foot, but which, on applying the Inftruments which I purchafed of the Doctor, was removed directly.

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

JONATHAN GLOVER.-Bofton, October 5, 1796.

Mr. CONSTANT FREEMAN, Maßer of the Alms-Houfe, Bofton.

HIS certifies, That Doctor Elifha Perkins, of Plainfield, Connecticut, vifited the Poor-Houfe of this Metropolis, about three weeks ago, and performed operations on feveral patients, with his celebrated Metallic Points ; among whom he performed his operation on one John Patterfon : He had been in this Poor-Houfe for fix months with the Rheumatifm— Two months of which he was confined to his bed— Four months he had hobbled about with crutches, when Dr. Perkins performed the operation ; fince which he has thrown afide his crutches, and walks only with a ftaff, which he ufes, not for the Rheumatifn, for he has none, but merely for a fupport, as his thigh bone was then and ftill remains diflocated.

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 yet returned.

I myfelf cured Benjamin Rofs of the Rheumatifm in the fmall of his back and hip. This was ten days ago; it has not yet returned.

Lewis Dumeth, a Frenchman, was operated upon by the Doctor, for the Rheumatifm in his lower extremities, which had confined him to his bed and crutches for months; but no fooner was he operated upon, than he threw afide his crutches—walked about the houfe—has walked about the town fince, and has had no return of the Rheumatifm in either leg.

CONSTANT FREEMANS

Bofton, October 5, 1796.

## MR. EDWARD HILL.

LEDWARD HILL, of Dorchefter, in the county of Norfolk, and flate of Maffachusetts, hereby certify, that I have been afflicted with the Rheumatism and Gout at times, for nine years past, and at length to fuch a degree as to be unable to walk. But upon the application of Doctor Elifha Perkins's Patent Metallic Inftruments, I was in the courfe of two days fo recovered as to be able to walk without any pain. EDWARD HILL.

We the fubscribers were knowing to the facts as bove flated.

> NATHAN WEBB. RALPH FOPE.

Bofton, Sept. 23, 1796.

#### MR. NATHAN PIERCE.

Mafter of the Alms-House, Newburyport.

## Newburyport, Octo. 28, 1796.

HIS certifies that Doctor Perkins vifited the Alms-Houfe in this town yesterday, and performed operations with his Metallic Instruments on three perfons, 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 a short time, they all appear to be much relieved of their complaints.

#### NATHAN PIERCE.

## Mr. NATHAN GLOVER & Mr. AMOS SIMONS.

NATHAN GLOVER, of Plainfield, in the county of Windham and state of Connecticut, certify, that for feven years past, I have been frequently visited with fevere turns of the Quinfey, which (notwithstanding the application of internal and external About the first of July, 1796, I was again feverely attacked by this difease, and in about twenty-four hours, my throat became very much swelled and inflamed, and extremely painful. I was at this time visited by Doct. Perkins, who operated on the difeafed part, with his Patent Metallic Instruments.

The pains after two or three operations, wholly left me, and the inflammation entirely difappeared; the fwelling did not maturate and break as it had ufually done, but in about twenty-four hours wholly fubfided, and my throat became perfectly well.

The turns of the Quinfey which I have heretofore had, though not more fevere 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 fubscriber was refiding at the house of Mr. Glover, and was present at the above operation, and perfectly agree with him in his statement of facts. AMOS SIMONS.

## CAPT. JOSHUA BOTTUM.

JOSHUA BOTTUM, of Plainfield, in the county of Windham and flate of Connecticut, certify, that I have been troubled with a rheumatic pain in my arm for four months, which was often extremely diffreffing. Having heard much of the furprifing ef. ficacy of Dr. Perkins's Patent Influments, but being myfelf an unbeliever in this method of removing pains, in confequence of the fuggestions of his enemies, I neglected using his means, until on or about the 15th of July, when I myfelf operated on my pained arm about fix minutes, and to my utter furprize, the pain entirely ceased, and has never returned. I have every reason to believe that a radical cure was effected by that one operation.

JOSHUA BOTTUM. Plainfield, August 5, 1796.

### MR. AND MRS. SNOW.

ELIZABETH SNOW, of Plainfield, in the ftate of Connecticut, certify, that in the month of June, 1795, I was forely afflicted with pains in the ancles, which had fettled there after a fevere fit of ficknefs, and had troubled me to fuch a degree that I became very weak and emaciated. In this unhappy fituation I continued about three months, until in the month and year above mentioned, I applied to Doctor Elifha Perkins, who vifited me and operated on the pained part of my ancles, with his Metallic Inftruments. Immediately the pain ceafed and has never fince returned. I am perfuaded a radical cure was at that time effected.

ELIZABETH SNOW.

Plainfield, August 3, 1796.

I the fubscriber, fully concur with my wife, in the above flatement of facts.

ABRAHAM SNOW.

## CAPT. CYRUS SPAULDING.

A CYRUS SPAULDING, of Plainfield, in the ftate of Connecticut, certify, that from the month of May, to the month of July, 1795, I was in a debilitated ftate, and was afflicted with almost a constant pain across the small of my back, which at times was very fevere. In the month of July, I applied to Doctor *Elisha Perkins*, for physical aid : He proposed removing my pain with his Metallic Instruments, without any internal application. As I was far from having any faith in such apparently simple means, I treated them with ridicule. However, I confented to his operating on the affected part ; when in a few minutes, to my great associations.

## CYRUS SPAULDING.

Plainfield, August 10, 1796.

## REV. JOEL BENEDICT.

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JOEL BENEDICT, of Plainfield, certify, that I was prefent at the time that Capt. Cyrus Spaulding was eafed of pain by Doct. Perkins, as certified above; and that I have also myself feveral times removed pains of different kinds by his Patent Metallic Inftruments. 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 feald I have myfelf experienced. The pain was relieved in a few miminutes, the foreness soon left it and the cure was entire. I am perfuaded that the invention is important, and will be of great benefit to mankind.

JOEL BENEDICT, Paftor of a church in Plainfield. August 10, 1796.

## REV. LEVI HART.

A HIS may certify that the fubscriber has been a witnefs to the fuccessful application of Doctor Perkins's patent Metallic Inftruments, in the removal of rheumatic pains and head-aches; and in repeated inftances he has feen exquisite pain, occasioned by contusions, removed in a few moments, by the application of the Inftruments.

From perfonal observation, and the information of others, he is fully fatisfied of the utility and importance of the discovery for the relief of human distress in various complaints.

LEVI HART.

## Prefton, Nov. 4, 1796.

## REV. SOLOMON MORGAN.

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 faid 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.

Paftor of the first church in Canterbury. August 10, 1796.

## REV. MICAIAH PORTER.

I MICAIAH PORTER, of Voluntown, in the sounty of Windham and state of Connecticut, certify, that I have myself made repeated experiments with Doctor Perkins's Metallic Inftruments, for removing pains and inflammations ; that I have almost invariably fucceeded to my own aftonishment, 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 experiment, 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 distress and infirmities to which our frail bodies are fo liable.

#### MICAIAH PORTER,

Paftor of the first church in Voluntown. August 9, 1796.

RUP. SOLOMON MORI

#### REV. DR. BARNARD, of Salem.

CERTIFY that on or about the first of November last, a lady of between fixty and feventy years of age, visiting at my house, had one of her fingers to contracted for feven years, that the could not open it without the affistance of the other hand. On my operating on it with Doctor Perkins's Metallic Points, the difficulty was removed to that the opened it as her other fingers. I have had direct information from her three weeks fince the operation, and her finger continued well. I further certify that at the fame time I cured a whitlow on one of her thumbs, with one operation. From what I have done, feen and heard, I am fully fatisfied that the difcovery is important to the healing art.

THOMAS BARNARD.

Dec. 6, 1796.

## REV. MR. SPAULDING, of Salem.

HIS may certify, that the fubscriber, in his vifits among his people, has used Doctor Perkins's Metallic Points, to relieve pains and inflammations of various kinds, and has fucceeded to his aftonishment : They have feldom failed to relieve the headach, teeth ach, ague in the face, inflammation of the eyes, cramp, cholic, rheumatism, pains in the breast and fide, biles, fcalds and burns : Sometimes there has been a perfect cure from one operation. A lad who had been confined three days with high fymptoms of a fever, very hot and full of pain, by an operation of the Points, defigned to relieve his head ; his face turned pale and cold, his fever and pain immediately left him, and in a few days he was out of doors; the year before, at the fame feafon, he was taken with the fame fymptoms, and lay extremely fick forty days. The efficacy of the Metallic Points has gained great credit in this town.

#### JOSHUA SPALDING.

Dec. 5, 1796.

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## Rev. CALEB BRADLEY, and Dr. JAMES GOSS.

VV E the fubscribers, of Gloucester, in the county of Effex, and state of Massachuletts, certify that we this day faw Doctor Perkins's Patent Metallic Points applied with fuccess on a child of Mr. James Smith, 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 blifters were raised. After a few minutes operation, the rednefs and fire almost wholly difappeared, and the child appeared to be eafed of pain.

JAMES GOSS, Phyfician.

CALEB BRADLEY, Preacher of the Gofpel. Gloucefter, Octo. 19, 1796.

## Rev. JOSEPH DANA.

HE following is a transcript of minutes, taken by the Rev. Mr. Dana. of Ipswich, containing a number (though not the whole) of cases in that town, where the subjects have received very sensible and immediate relief from Dr. Perkins's Metallic Pointsfrom the 21st to the 24th of October, 1796.

Capt. D. R. Old rheumatic pain and inflamed eye; Capt. E. K. An inflamed painful leg; Capt. T. H. Fixed pain in the breaft, of long flanding ; Capt. N. K. Pain in the back ; Mils H. Old rheumatic pain ; Mr. W. D. Old ftrain in the fhoulder, attended with ftiffnels and pain ; Mr. J. S. Strained hand with pain; Wife of Capt. A. S. Rheumatifm of long flanding ; Mr. J. S. Violent head-ach ; Mr. D. The fame ; Mr. E. Swollen inflamed bruife ; Mr. S. Teeth-ach ; Mr. N. L. do. Mrs. M. J. Diftress at her breaft ; Miss H. J. Inflamed eye ; Mr. J. W. Pain in the fide ; Mrs. W. Violent head-ach ; Mr. W. A. Foot bruifed and Iwollen; Mrs. A. Swelling in the neck; Mifs A. B. Pain in the fhoulders and breaft ; Wife of Major C. S. Pain in her limbs, &c. Mr. B. Old rheumatism ; Capt. D. G. Rheumatilm; Mrs. T. do.

## REV. ELHANAN WINCHESTER.

I faw Doct. Perkins' method of cure by pointed Me-

tallic Inftruments, tried with fuccels, upon feveral patients in the poor-houfe or bettering houfe in Philadelphia; efpecially 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 pleafure, and in my fight, put it with eafe on the top of his head and back of his neck, and in all directions.

Nearly the fame effect took place upon a woman; and all that I faw treated, profeffed that their pains ceafed after being treated a fhort time: And feveral 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 fince returned. So that from what I faw with mine own eyes, and what I have heard, I have great hopes that this method will greatly tend to alleviate the miferies of mankind.

ELHANAN WINCHESTER. Philadelphia, April 4, 1796.

#### DOCTOR JAREB DYER,

Member of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, and Surgeon to the 21ft Regiment.

L CERTIFY, that for feven years paft, I have been troubled with almost a constant rheumatic pain in my 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, myself operated on my shoulder when it was in extreme pain, with Doctor Perkins's Patent Tractors.— The pain, to my great surprise, wholly less me within fix minutes, and my shoulder was soon freed froms its former ftifnefs, fo that I could move that arm and fhoulder with the fame eafe, that I could the other.— The pain has but once returned and then very lightly, in confequence of fevere 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 paft. It has ufually come on in the fore part of the day, and continued ten or twelve hours. Has often been very diffreffing. About the time of the above operation, I applied the inflruments to my head, when in fevere pain. I was in a few minutes cafed, 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 Inflruments, I doubt not but they will prove of great utility to mankind.

## JAREB DYER, Phyfician. •

## Canterbury, April 11, 1796.

#### DOCTOR T. BACKUS,

## Member of the Medical Society, of the State of Connecticut.

THE fubscriber was called on the 4th inftant, to attend a patient, by the name of James Crawson, who for the term of nearly five years, has been frequently troubled with a species of epileptic fits. When I first faw 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's patent Metallic Instruments to his right leg, in which he usually experienced the first attack of his fits. The whole leg immediately bea came limber and free from spaims, and he foon revived without fuffering a general convultion. About twenty minutes after, I being out of his room, was informed that the fymptoms of another fit appeared, and before I could operate on him, he was univerfally convulsed with an entire loss of reason. I then applied the inftruments to his right leg, fix or eight ftrokes, when the spafms immediately ceased, and he recovered his reafon. In a fhort time, he was leized with another, which was removed very much in the manner of the laft, the inftruments not being applied until a general convultion had taken place. I then feated myfelf on his bed, that I might be enabled to apply the means more feasonably. Here I very foon discovered the fymptoms again, but by applying the inftruments, the fymptoms immediately difappeared. Several others at intervals, commenced with their ufual fymptoms, by fo contracting and cramping the right leg, that the utmost exertions of two men were fcarcely able to ftraighten it, each of which were in lefs than a minute, removed by five or fix ftrokes of the inflruments, before they had extended to the other parts of the body, the leg almost instantaneously becoming perfectly lax.

By the requeft of a number of gentlemen, who were then prefent, when the fymptoms of one appeared, I ceafed to operate, that we might determine whether the above operations had prevented the general convulfions, which before the applications of the inftruments, had always fucceeded the first attack in his leg. Immediately he fell into a fevere fit, which appeared in one univerfal fpafm. In this fituation, I fuffered him to continue a few minutes, when by applying the inftruments to his leg again, in lefs than one minute he was entirely free from any kind of fpafm, and immediately recovered his reafon. I ftill continued by his fide, and prevented feveral other general attacks by operating with the inftruments at the beginning of the fymptoms. About one hour and an half after the first operation, the fits entirely subfided. He became very eafy and experienced none of those difagreeable fenfations, 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 prefumed the application of the Metallic Instruments, not only shortened the fits, but lessend their number, and at this time they continued not more than nine or ten hours from their first commencement, and about an hour and an half after the first application of the inftruments. He further observes, that he has discovered none of that debility which had univerfally fucceeded his former attacks, and continues to this day enjoying better health than usual. THOMAS BACKUS, Phylician.

We the fubscribers were present at the above operations and fully agree with Doctor Backus, in his flatement of facts. CHARLES MILLER,

> JOHN LESTER, PHINEHAS KINDAL, JOHN PIKE, RECOMPENCE HALY.

Plainfield, August 9, 1796.

## DOCTOR EBENEZER ROBINSON.

HEREBY certify, that I have been acquainted with Doctor Perkins's method of removing pains and inflammations by pointed Metallic Inftruments, for near a year: That I have frequently operated myfelf, and have generally had fuccels in removing pains and inflammations of various kinds; among which, are pains of the head, buins, and rheumatifms,—that I have full confidence in the efficacy of the means, and that it is a very valuable difcovery.

EBENEZER ROBINSON. Plainfield, August 10, 1796.

## Windham County, August 16, 1796.

**VV** E the fubscribers 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 Dr. Perkins's patent Metallic Instruments, in removing various pains, spasms and inflammatory affections from the human body, and that the discovery is important to the healing art.

\* JOSEPH BAKER,

\* JONATHAN HALL, \* ELISHA LORD,

\* JOHN BREWSTER,

Fellows of the Medical Convention.

THOMAS HUBBARD, Member of the Medical Society.

\* When this Certificate was given, Doctors Baker, Hall. Lord, Brewster, and the Author of the Metallic Difcovery, represented the County of Windham in the Connecticut Medical Convention.

The following is a Lift of the Names and Places of abode of fome who have the Transfers, and Patent Inftruments for Sale.

NTATHAN SMITH. M. D. Dartmouth College,	N.H.
NATHAN SMITH. M. D. Dartmouth College, John Melcher, Esq. Portsmouth,	do.
Mr. John Greenleaf, do.	do.
Mr. Henry Ranlett, Excter,	do.
Doctor Thaddeus M Cartey, Keene,	do.
William Little, Efg. Boston, Massachusetts.	

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Doctors Reed & Andrews, do. do. Mr. John Punchard, Salem, do. Doctor Phelps, Cape-Ann, do. Mr. Samuel Dana, Ipfwich, do. Doctor Charles Coffin, Newburyport, do. Doctor Ebenezer Alden, Randolph, do. Rev. Doctor Robbins, Plymouth. do. Doctor Howland Dawes, Cummington, do. Rev. John Smith, Dighton, do. Doctor Foferh Trumbull, Petersham, do. Doctor Seth Field, Brookfield, do. Mr. John Ruggles, Berry, do. Doctor Thomas Babbit, Brookfield, do. Mr. Samuel Satterlee, Williamftown, do. Rev. Doctor Dean, Portland, Province of Maine. Rev. Mr. Kellogg, do. do. Rev. Thomas Motley, do. do. Rev. Alfred Johnson, Freeport, do. Mr. Jeremiah F. Jenkins, Providence, Rhode-Islande, George R. Burrill, Efg. do. Capt. William Ladd, Newport, do. Rev. Henry Wight, Briftol, do. Ifaac Beers, Efg. New-Haven, Connecticut. Elijah Munfon, M. D. do. Dr. Dwell Morgan, Hartford, do. Dr. Samuel H. P. Lee, New-London, do. William S. Hart, Efg. Norwich, do. Daniel L. Coit, Efg. do. do. Dr. Lee, jun. Windham. do. Rev. Mr. Chafe, Litchfield, do. Dr. Foleph Baker, Brocklyn, do. Dr. Jonathan Hall, Pomfret, do. Han. Nathaniel Niles, Efg. Fairlee, Vermont. Dr. Aaron Kinfman, Newbury, do. Amafa Dingley, M. D. New-York. James Clark & Son, Do. Elijah Perkins, M. D. Philadelphia. Fames Tilton, M. D. Wilmington, Delaware,





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