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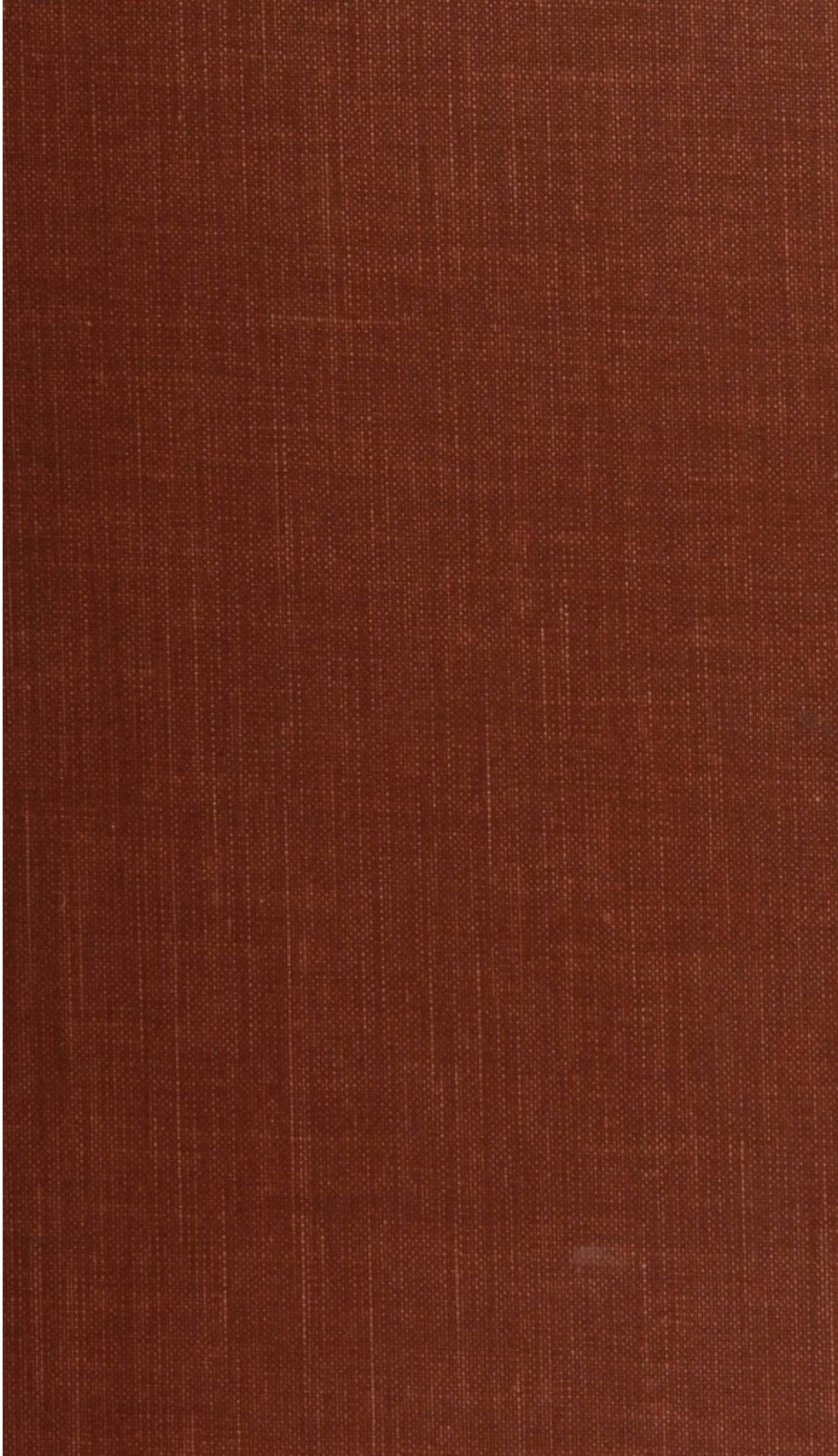
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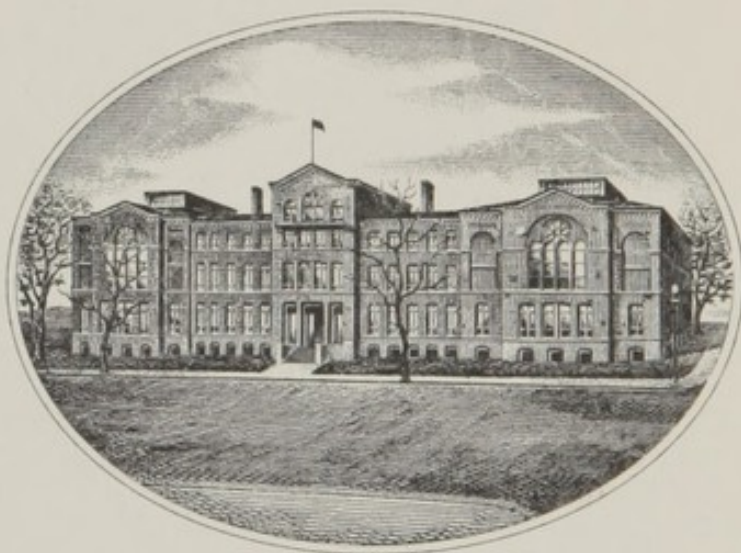


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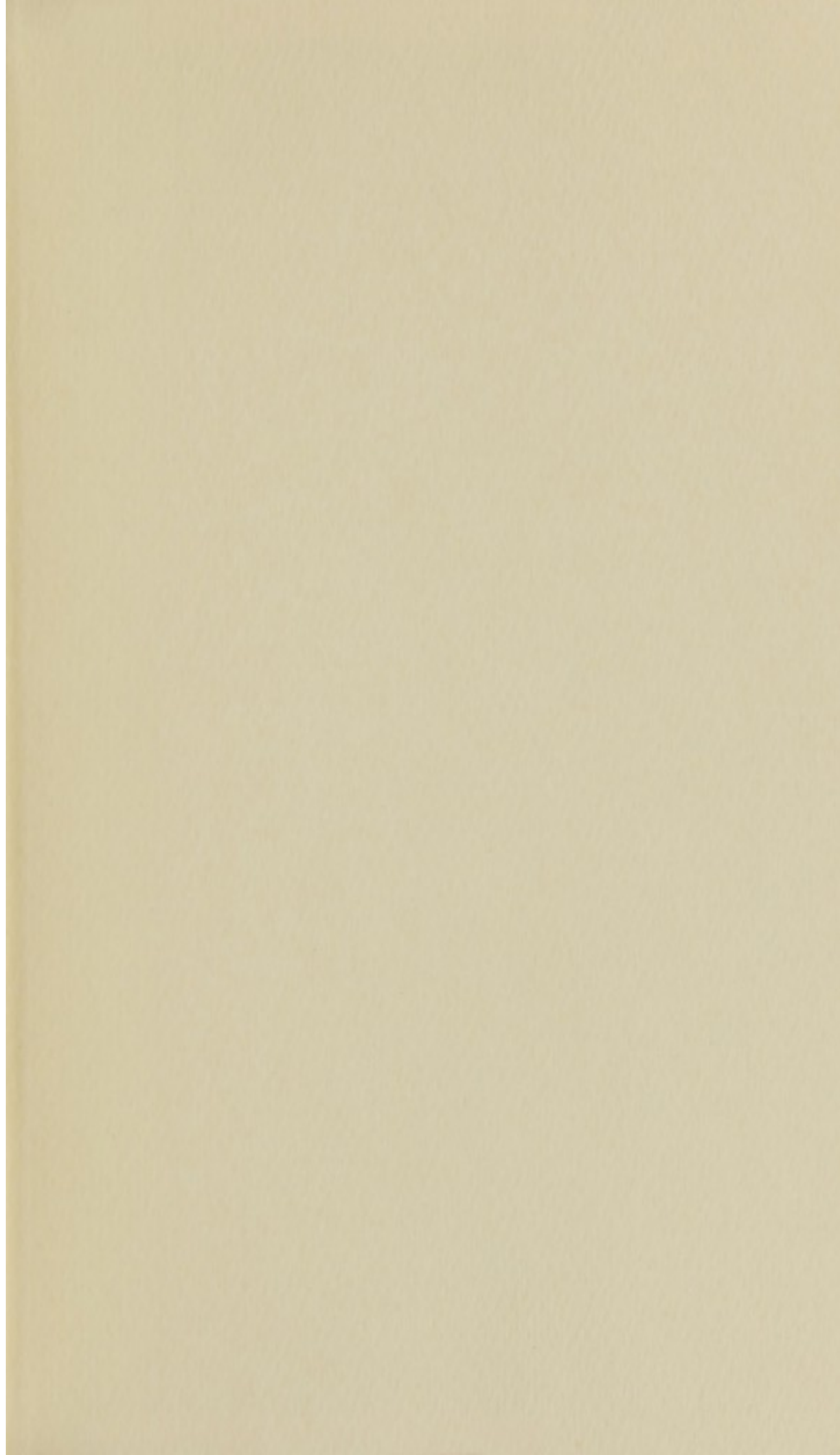


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Doctor Perkins's

PATENT

METALLIC INSTRUMENTS.

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## TO THE PUBLIC.

**T**HE candor and liberality which the most respectable citizens of the United States have evinced towards my Metallic Discovery, would, in some measure, have precluded the necessity of the present publication, did there not exist the same motives to induce opposition, as have, in all ages, invariably attended new and useful improvements.

When interest and prejudice influence men to condemn innovations before they have opportunity to decide on their merits by experiments, or other rational means for information, it is presumed, that such opinions, and the exertions of such persons to ridicule and to discountenance whatever may concern the happiness of the human race, will be justly estimated.

From an extensive practice, and from a variety of experiments, I cheerfully hazard my honor and reputation, on the ultimate success of my Metallic Points. That they are a catholicon has never been pretended. Many causes operate to prevent their usual effects even in those complaints, in which they generally succeed; and whenever operations are performed, as is sometimes the case, by persons totally ignorant as to the mode of using them, they must fail of giving relief.

For every necessary instruction, applicants are referred to the specification in the transfer of the patent-right, and to the following pages. From the numerous communications which have been received from the most respectable characters in various parts of the United States, the following are submitted to the public.

ELISHA PERKINS.

Should any impropriety be discovered in their statements of diseases, it will be remembered, that all persons are not familiar with medical terms.

PLAINFIELD, JUNE 1797.



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EVIDENCES, &c.

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*Extracts from Letters to the Author of the*  
METALLIC DISCOVERY.

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

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*New-Haven, Octo. 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 neighbor 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 fourteen weeks previous to the 29th of last month, she had not been able to walk across her room even with the 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 the house, and on the next day she went abroad to her neighbors, having thrown aside her crutches. I have this day paid her a visit, in company with her father, and Timothy Jones, Esq. who lives in the street where she resides, and directly opposite to her residence, and with captain Abel Burrett, who is her next neighbor, 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 most obedient servant,

PIERPONT 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.

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

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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 *scalded* with boiling lie : a man by the name of Welch, who was at work in my pot-ash, when boiling down the lie, 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 scalded, he had almost despaired of its ever recovering.

JAMES GLOVER.

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Mr. SAMUEL SATTERLEE.

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*Williamstown, Nov. 3, 1796.*

Sir,

I WAS called on in the evening, by a gentleman with a *cancer* on his lips, which caused a severe inflammation in every part of his face; I furnished him with a set of your Metallic Instruments, until the morning following, when he returned so enraptured with their effects, that he readily purchased a set.

I am, &c.

SAMUEL SATTERLEE.

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Mr. JOHN PUNCHARD.

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*Salem, Octo. 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.

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

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

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.

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

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*Norwich, Dec. 20, 1796.*

Sir,

SINCE 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 *inflammations of*



almost every kind, and in subjects, of all ages and descriptions, and as might be expected, with various success. One fact, however, I am fully convinced of, (in opposition to former prejudices) viz. That in a variety of circumstances, a proper application of them is capable of operating a change in the human frame, which I can no more doubt, because I cannot assign a satisfactory philosophical reason therefor, than I can doubt the operation of opium, because, the properties of that gum, by which, and the *modus operandi*, in which it produces sleep, are to me wholly unknown. I am confident, reasoning a priori, would as soon establish one fact as the other. Cases in which the Points have, in my practice, appeared successful, are such as *burns*, *headachs*, *agues* in the face, *ophthalmics*, *pains* in the limbs, breast, and sides, and in *cynanche tonsillaris*, yet candor requires I should say, success in these cases has not been universal.

One case of *cynanche tonsillaris*, or common *inflammatory quinsy*, I will relate to you;—I visited a young man late in the afternoon, found him exercised with all the usual symptoms of that disease; such as general inflammatory diathesis, the tonsils so tumefied as to be nearly closed together. His throat and neck externally enlarged, a constant discharge by spitting a glairy mucus, and complaining of excessive pain in the parts: by his account, these symptoms had been increasing for about three or four days. His mother informed me that he had not swallowed any thing for thirty-six hours, except three or four spoonfuls of water, in which toasted bread had been soaked. I could not learn that any means had been used for his relief, except keeping within-doors, and making some external applications. I applied the Metallic Points externally in the usual way; very soon the spitting sensibly decreased. After some time, he observed the pain was wholly gone on one side, and much lessened on the other. I then directed him to make trial how he could swallow; he took a tumbler of sweetened water, and drank it with little difficulty, and immediately ate about half a pint of custard. I then left him, with directions to repeat the operations occasionally; and, in the intervals, to keep the throat covered with some emollient poultice. On visiting him the next day, I found him sitting at the fire, roasting oysters, and eating them without difficulty; he observed he was well. I made every enquiry, to discover whether the swelling had not burst, but could not learn any thing from him which gave the least reason to think it had. I left him a dose of purgative pills, which he swal-



lowed without pain, and in a few days regained his usual health.

One case of pain in the side, 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 sentiment of esteem,  
I remain your sincere friend,

ELIHU MARVIN.

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

Stafford, August 6, 1796.

SINCE I returned to Stafford, I have made trial with your Metallic Instruments with very happy success, in a case of acute *rheumatism*, which had, for a long time, baffled all the remedies to which I myself and two or three other physicians had advised.

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 soreness for several days after, but the soreness was no greater than would have arisen from the destruction of so much skin from any other cause.—It argues great folly to condemn any innovations, or new improvements in the arts and sciences, without due investigation. This is a kind of treatment, however, which you have already experienced, and which you must expect still to experience.

I am, &c.

SAMUEL WILLARD.

JOHN VAUGHAN, M. D. State of Delaware.

Dear Sir,

Christiana, July 14, 1796.

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 hysteric head-ach, perfect-



ly 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.

I am, &c.

JOHN VAUGHAN.

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Rev. Dr. MORSE, of Charleston.

December 9, 1796.

Dear Sir,

I HAVE made a faithful trial of your patent Metallic Points in a number of cases—such as *burns*, *pains* in the *head*, *teeth*, *face*, *ears*, *side*, *back* and *limbs*, arising from colds, and in one or two instances *rheumatic pains* have been relieved by them; and in one instance the painful effects of the *sting* of a *wasp* were entirely removed. In some cases I have been unsuccessful, particularly in a burn, where \* *oil* had been previously applied, and in the tooth-ach, where the teeth were † *very defective*. On the whole, I believe the discovery to be a very useful one; I wish it cordially all imaginable success.

I am, &c.

JEDEDIAH MORSE.

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\* In the transfer of the patent right, one of which accompanies each set 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 greasy substances.”

† It may not be reasonably presumed, that a cure could be made on teeth which were very defective,



Rev. WALTER KING.

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*Norwich, October 6, 1796.*

Sir,

THE fame 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.

I am, &c.

WALTER KING.

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Rev. Dr. ROBBINS, of Plymouth.

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*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.

I am, &c.

CHANDLER ROBBINS.

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Rev. Dr. STILLMAN, of Boston.

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*October 6, 1796.*

Dear Sir,

I FEEL myself much obliged to you for the important service you have rendered to Mrs. Stillman's eyes, af-



ter 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 they will be of important benefit to mankind.

I am, &c.

SAMUEL STILLMAN.

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Rev. Dr. WILLIAM ROGERS, and Mr. PETER MAROT, of Philadelphia.

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THIS is to certify, that I, the Subscriber, of the district of Southwark, Philadelphia, was, sometime ago, most sorely afflicted with a violent *inflammation* in my left eye, so as to be unable to work, or to get any rest; the pain was one night so very great, that I could not lie in my bed; my eye was entirely closed and constantly running with water, accompanied with a pain in my head—several things were applied in order to give me ease, but all to no purpose: my wife having heard of your patent Metallic Points, I was prevailed upon in the morning to wait upon the Rev. Dr. Rogers, who has a set, and requested him to apply them. Dr. Rogers said, upon opening my eye gently with his finger, it was too bad to be relieved by the points, as it was entirely of a bloody colour, and all the parts about it were greatly swelled and much inflamed; however, he would try their efficacy. He operated for a few minutes, and I began to open my eye; he continued operating by spells for the space of ten or fifteen minutes, and the pain was entirely gone, and I could, without difficulty, open it as easily as the other. I returned to my family wholly relieved, had an appetite for my food, and next day went to my accustomed labour. A few days after, I had an inflammation in my right eye, attended with very considerable pain, the points were again applied by Dr. Rogers, and I was almost instantly relieved; from that time to this, I have been, as to my eyes, as well as ever I was in my life.

Being called upon to testify the above, it is with the ut-



most readiness I do it, as it is my wish that such an useful discovery as the points, may be universally known, and in case of necessity, be resorted to.

PETER MAROT.

*May 29, 1797.*

The statement given by Mr. Marot, as to the relief he obtained in both cases, is a just one. Mrs. Marot assured me he returned home, to all appearance, perfectly cured, and that he is always speaking of it with real gratitude.

I have applied the tractors in some other instances with success.

WILLIAM ROGERS.

*Philadelphia, June 1, 1797.*

Rev. Mr. BALCH.

*Georgetown, May 16th, 1797.*

Dear Sir,

A NEIGHBOUR of mine, Mr. James Connor, was sorely afflicted with an *inflammation* in his left eye, and a pain in his head. His eye appeared like a ball of blood, and all the contiguous parts were much inflamed, and of a bloody colour—I saw your Metallic Points applied to the affected part with such success, that, in the space of about ten minutes, he declared the pains were gone—he has told me since, he never felt any inconvenience from it afterwards.

Several of my neighbours who have been afflicted with pains, have testified in favour of your tractors.

That you may succeed in promoting the happiness of the human race, is the wish of,

Sir, .

Your humble servant,

STEPHEN B. BALCH.

Dr. PERKINS.



Rev. Mr. BRADFORD, of Rowley.

December 2, 1796.

Dear Sir,

ON the 26th of October last, the wife of a certain Mr. Lane, of Candia, fell from a horse and hurt the *small* of her *back* exceedingly. A physician was immediately called to her relief, who bled her, and administered to her such medicines as he judged proper. She was in the fifth month of her pregnancy; her friends, of course, were exceedingly alarmed at her misfortune. The physicians' means proving insufficient for the removal of her pains during several hours, I was called upon, by the advice of her physician and friends, to apply your Metallic Points to her. When I came to her lodgings, I found her sitting before the fire in the greatest agony, having little or no use of her lower limbs, and not being able without the greatest difficulty, to raise her feet from the floor. By the help of her friends, she was laid on the bed, but was unable to turn herself by her own strength. The Points were applied to the *small* of her back about ten minutes, and in fifteen minutes afterwards she turned herself in the bed, declaring herself free from pain. Soon after this, I proposed a second operation, and to leave her for the evening. This being over, she arose from the bed, and walked several times across the room, affirming that she was as free from pain as ever she was in all her life. That night she rested well, and without pain, and the next morning by sunrise, mounted her horse and rode thirty miles, since which, I have heard nothing from her.

This, together with a number of other instances, convinces me of the great and important benefits derived from a judicious application of your Metallic Instruments. That they may have a general spread through the earth, is the desire of

Your's, &c.

EBENEZER BRADFORD.



CALVIN GODDARD, Esq.

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*Plainfield, Sept 25, 1796.*

Dear Sir,

I HAVE lately been eye witness to one operation with your Metallic Points, which appeared to me a little singular. 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 if 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 in the night preceding, 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.) His leg 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 have heard no further complaint. As I had never known of this sweating effect, I thought the case worth reporting to you. \*

I am, &c.

CALVIN GODDARD.

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Rev. THOMAS FLEESON.

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*Philadelphia, 9th June, 1797.*

Dear Sir,

HAVING obtained sufficient proof of the efficacy of your Metallic Points, in a variety of cases, I unite with a number of my brethren in the ministry, and others, in testifying that I think it is a valuable discovery, and calculated, with a judicious application, and the blessing of God, to alleviate the miseries of mankind. I had frequently heard of them, but did not pay particular attention to them, until you saw me in the street, when I had a considerable inflammation in my right eye, and which was of long standing; so sudden, effectual, and permanent relief, from so painful a sensation, has filled me with astonishment. Since that, I have tried their efficacy in seve-

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\* *This sweating is not unusual.*



ral cases myself with peculiar satisfaction and success. The first was a young lady, who had run the point of a pair of scissors in her hand; the second was Mr. Isaac Carlile, who had received a *wound* in the *top* of his *foot*, from a *rusty nail*; the third, a woman who was greatly afflicted with an *inflammatory rheumatism*; the fourth, a woman who suffered with the *rheumatism* in her *arm*, for three weeks; all of whom were relieved in about an hour, to the astonishment of a number of witnesses; besides several others who have experienced in a greater, or less degree, their beneficial effects. I conceive it my duty, to make this declaration, for the encouragement of my suffering fellow creatures:

And am,  
With sentiments of respect,  
Your's,

THOMAS FLEESON.

DR. ELISHA PERKINS.

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*Extract from the report of Dr. Frederick Dalcho, Surgeon's mate in the army of the United States, dated Fort Johnson, South Carolina, 29th March, 1797.*

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“ In a former letter I mentioned the indisposition of captain Kaltaisen [the commanding officer of the garrison] and, as the application by which he has been relieved, is worthy of notice, I have taken the liberty of reporting it to you.

“ For about two years past, he has been much afflicted with a spasmodic affection on the left side of his head—but for several months, it had become so very frequent and violent, as to affect his senses in a great degree—all the variety of applications which have been, afforded him not the smallest relief—and I doubted of his ever obtaining it, at his advanced age.\* A few days since, he was so violently attacked, that the intellectual functions were entirely deranged, and I apprehended very serious consequences. In this situation, I purchased a set of Dr. Perkins's patent Metallic Tractors, which, after the first operation, afforded him so much relief, as held out the pleasing prospect of his entire recovery. After repeating it for a few days, he became perfectly easy and free from pain, and his mind restored to its natural strength; no indisposition remaining, but what is consequent on age.”

*Philadelphia, May 27, 1797.*

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\* *Seventy-three years.*



## C E R T I F I C A T E S.

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Capt. WILLIAM LADD.

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**T**HEREBY Certify, that for twelve or fourteen years past, I have been frequently exercised with severe paroxysms of the *Gout*. In the fall of 1795, I had a violent attack of this disorder, which had confined me to my room for six or eight days. At this time, when my foot was very much swelled, inflamed, and in such extreme pain, especially my great toe, that I could not walk nor set my foot on the floor. Doctor Hopkins called on me, and operated on my foot, with an instrument, as he said, according to Dr. Perkins's directions. Within five minutes the pain and inflammation ceased, so that I walked with ease. The swelling, within twenty-four hours, subsided so, that I put on my shoe; and this foot, in two days became as well as the other. The pain has twice returned since, but has been soon removed by the same application.

WILLIAM LADD.

*Newport, August 17, 1796.*

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Rev. SAMUEL HOPKINS, D. D. Newport, (R. I.)

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**I**THE Subscriber, hereby Certify, that I performed the operation on the foot of Capt. William Ladd, which is by him above related, and am witness to his being relieved and cured by said operation. I have had credible information of other persons being cured of pains by the same means in this town.

SAMUEL HOPKINS.

*Newport, August 17, 1796.*

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Rev. WILLIAM PATTEN.

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**T**HE Subscriber is a witness to the cure of Capt. Ladd, as above related, and has reason to believe that in various other instances, persons in this place have been relieved, by the same application, from pains in the head, eyes, &c.

WILLIAM PATTEN.

*Newport, August 17, 1796.*



Capt. JACOB BRINDER.

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THIS may certify, that, on the 15th of March 1796, I sent for Doctor Perkins, having been confined with the *gout* in my *feet* for three weeks, being the third attack. At this time my *feet* were much *swollen* and extremely *painful*, so that I could not put them to the floor. Doctor Perkins, of Philadelphia, saw me about 10 o'clock in the morning, and operated on my *feet* with his *Metallie Points*, and in fifteen minutes I was eased of my pain.

In the evening I drank some wine, supposing that I was well, but about 4 o'clock, in the morning, my *pain* returned with great violence, and my *feet* were much more *swelled* than the preceding day. I sent again for the Doctor; he came, and in a few minutes relieved me of all pain; the *swelling* perceptibly diminished during the operation, and in half an hour I put on my shoe and came down stairs, and in a few days was entirely recovered; I have not since had an attack, it being more than twelve months from the time. As many are so unfortunate as to be affected with this disease, I thought it my duty to communicate it to the public.

JACOB BRINDER,

Philadelphia, June 3, 1797.

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Gen. TYLER, and Mr. LORD.

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I JOHN TYLER, of Preston, in the county of New-London, & 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 Doctor 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 Dr. Perkins operated upon her a few minutes, when she declared herself free from pain, and immediately arose 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 operation, and fully concur in the above statement of facts by Gen. Tyler.

JAMES LORD.

Col. JONATHAN GLOVER, Marble-Head.

THIS certifies, That I visited Dr. Elisha Perkins about the 20th of 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 Marble-head, 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 Captain Fettyplace'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 Doctor Elisha Perkins, of Plainfield, Connecticut, visited the poor-house of this me-



tropolis, 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 the 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 Doctor 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 yet returned—I, myself cured Benjamin Ross of the *rheumatism* in the small of the 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 *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.

### Mr. EDWARD HILL.

**I** EDWARD HILL of Dorchester, in the county of Norfolk, and state of Massachusetts, hereby certify that I have 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 the application of Dr. Elisha Perkins's 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 above stated.

NATHAN WEBB.  
RALPH POPE.

Boston, Sept. 23, 1796.



Mr. NATHAN PIERCE,  
Master of the Alms-House, Newburyport.

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Newburyport, Octo. 28, 1795.

THIS certifies, that Doctor 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 mak, in a short time, they all appear to be much relieved of their complaints.

NATHAN PIERCE.

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Mr. NATHAN GLOVER & Mr. AMOS SIMONS.

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I NATHAN GLOVER, of Plainfield, in the county of Windham and state of Connecticut, certify, that for seven years past, I have been frequently visited with severe turns of the *quinsey*, which (notwithstanding the application of internal and external means, administered by the most skilful neighboring physicians) have never left me within eight or ten days.

About the first of July, 1796, I was again severely attacked by this disease, and in about twenty-four hours, my throat became very much swelled and inflamed, and extremely painful. I was, at this time, visited by Doctor Perkins, who operated on the diseased part, with his patent Metallic Instruments.

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 *quinsey* which I have heretofore had, though not more severe in their first attacks than in 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 Dr. 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.

AMOS SIMONS.

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CAPT. JOSHUA BOTTUM.

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I Joshua Bottum, of Plainfield, in the county of Windham, and state of Connecticut, certify, that I have been troubled with a *Rheumatic Pain* in my *Arm* for four months, which was often extremely distressing: Having heard much of the surprising efficacy of Dr Perkins's patent instruments, but being myself an unbeliever in this method of removing pains, in consequence of the suggestions of its enemies, I neglected using his means, until on or about the 15th of July; when I myself operated on my pained arm about six minutes, and, to my utter surprise, 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.*

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Mr. and Mrs. SNOW.

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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 the *ankles*, 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 ankles, 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.



## 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 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 Dr. E. Perkins, for physical aid: he proposed removing my pain with 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 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.

Plainfield, August 10, 1796.

## 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 Dr. 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, the *foreness* 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. LEVI HART.

THIS may certify, that the subscriber has been a witness to the successful application of Dr. Perkins's patent Metallic Instruments, in the removal of *Rheumatic pains* and *head-achs*; and in repeated instances, he has seen *exquisite pain* occasioned by *contusion*, re-



moved in a few moments, by the application of the Instruments. From personal observation, and the information of others, he is fully satisfied of the utility and importance of the discovery for the relief of human distress in various complaints.

LEVI HART.

Preston, Nov. 4, 1796.

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Rev. MICAIAH PORTER.

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I Micaiah Porter, of Voluntown, in the county of Windham, and state of Connecticut, certify, that I have myself made repeated experiments with Dr. Perkins's Metallic Instruments, for removing *pains* and *inflammations*; that I have almost invariably succeeded to my own astonishment, in curing *head-achs*, *teeth-achs*, *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 distresses and infirmities to which our frail bodies are so liable.

MICAIAH PORTER.

Pastor of the first Church in Voluntown.

August 9, 1796.

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Rev. Dr. BARNARD, of Salem.

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I CERTIFY, that on or about the first of November last, a lady of between sixty and seventy years of age, visiting at my house, had one of her *fingers* so *contracted* for seven years, that she could not open it without the assistance of the other hand. On my operating on it with Dr. Perkins's Metallic Points, the difficulty was removed so, that she opened it as her other fingers. I have had direct information from her three weeks since the operation, and her finger continued well. I further certify, that, at the same time I cured a *whitlow* on one of her *thumbs*, with one operation. From what I have done, seen and heard, I am fully satisfied that the discovery is important to the healing art.

THOMAS BARNARD.

Dec. 6, 1796.



## REV. MR. SPAULDING, OF SALEM.

THIS may certify, that the subscriber, in his visits among his people, has used Dr. Perkins's Metallic Points, to relieve pains and inflammations of various kinds, and has succeeded to his astonishment. They have seldom failed to relieve the *head-ach*, *teeth-ach*, *ague* in the *face*, *inflammation* of the *eyes*, *cramp*, *cholic*, *rheumatism*, *pains* in the *breast* and *side*, *biles*, *scalds* and *burns*: Sometimes there has been a perfect cure from one operation. A lad who had been confined three days with high symptoms of a *fever*, very *hot* and *full of pain*, by an operation of the Points, designed 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 same season, he was taken with the same symptoms, and lay extremely sick forty days. The efficacy of the Metallic Points has gained great credit in this town.

Dec. 5, 1796.

JOSHUA SPAULDING.

## REV. CALEB BRADLEY &amp; DR. JAMES GOSS.

WE, the subscribers, of Gloucester, in the county of Essex, and state of Massachusetts, certify, that we this day, saw Dr. Perkins's Patent Metallic Points applied with success 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 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.

## REV. JOSEPH DANA.

THE 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 Points, from the 21st to the 24th of October, 1796.

Captain 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 Head-Ach* ; Mr. D. the same ; Mr. E. *swollen inflamed Bruise* ; Mr. S. *Teeth-Ach* ; 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-Ach* ; Mr. W. A. *Foot bruised and swollen* ; Mrs. A. *swelling in the Neck* ; Miss A. B. *Pain in the Shoulders and Breast* ; wife of Major C. S. *Pain in her Limbs*, &c. Mr. B. *old Rheumatism* ; Capt. D. G. *Rheumatism* ; Mrs. T. ditto.

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### REV. ELHANAN WINCHESTER.

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**I** CERTIFY, that on the 21st of March, 1796, I saw Dr. Perkins' 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 move it with 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 effect 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.



## DOCTOR PETER CLARK.

I CERTIFY, that on or about the 1st of December last, in consequence of taking cold, I was seized with an *inflammation and tumefaction* of the *Glands in my Throat*, accompanied with *shooting pains*; I, however, bore them till the evening of the third day, without making use of any application, when the pain and difficulty of swallowing had very much increased. I then made use of Doctor Perkins's patent Instruments; in a few minutes the pain entirely left me; the difficulty of swallowing was very much relieved, and the next morning my throat was entirely well.

PETER CLARK.

New-York, Jan. 23, 1797.

## REV. JOHN BANKS.

THESE are to certify, that I have operated with Dr. Perkins's Metallic Points, upon my *head*, chiefly on my *fore-head* and *eye-brows*, which had been long the seat of a *rooted pain*, and in a short time found immediate relief, so that the pain which had afflicted me for a number of years, was, by means of these points, entirely removed.

JOHN BANKS.

New-York, Jan. 22, 1797.

## 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 shoulder. For the two last years it has gradually encreased, 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 Dr. 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 since 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 *Dr. Perkins's Instruments*, I doubt not but they will prove of great utility to mankind.

JAREB DYER.

Canterbury, April 11, 1796.

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DOCTOR RUFUS JOHNSON,

Member of the Medical Society of the State of  
Connecticut.

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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.

Canterbury, August 10, 1796.



## DOCTOR T. BACKUS,

Member of the Medical Society of the  
State of Connecticut.

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 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 Dr. Perkins's 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 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 an half after the first operation, the fits entirely subsided. He became very 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 an 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.

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, August 9, 1796.*

BENJAMIN SHREVE & JAMES LAURASON,  
Merchants, Alexandria,

I HAVE been a witness to an operation of Dr. Perkins's Metallic Points on my son, for the relief of *epileptic fits*. He has been subject to these fits for about eighteen months.

On the twenty-third day of the fourth month, he was



seized with one, with entire loss of reason—his hands so clenched together by spasms, that the efforts of Mr. Jas. Laurason, (whose assistance I called in,) and my own, could not open them. In this situation, we applied Dr. Perkins's Metallic Instruments, on each arm, from the elbow down to his hand, and, to our great surprise, his hands soon became perfectly lax, and opened with ease, and by continuing the operation on his head for a few minutes, he came to his reason and went to sleep, since which he has had no more signs of them.

On all former attacks, they have continued half the night, and from twelve to twenty in number. Bleeding and other experiments have been used, but he was never before relieved of them so immediately. I am confident the points effected the cure.

Conceiving it the duty of every friend to human happiness, to encourage new and useful discoveries, I have stated the above.

BENJAMIN SHREVE.

The subscriber was as a witness to the above operation, and can testify to the facts stated.

JAMES LAURASON.

*Alexandria, 5th month, }  
16th day, 1796. }*

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CALEB BICKHAM.

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*Philadelphia, 5th month, 10th day, 1796.*

**B**EING fully convinced from a number of experiments of the efficacy of Dr. Perkins's Tractors, I am happy in having an opportunity of declaring it to the world, with others who have been liberal enough so to do, when thus convinced of their effects.

I have made use of them, in cases of pains in the head, back, ears, and burns, rheumatisms, and pleurisies, and have produced very extraordinary relief to my astonishment. In some instances, I have found two operations necessary, and in two cases have been obliged to use them three times. I think it one of the greatest discoveries ever made for the relief of human pains, and wish it and the author success and progress.

CALEB BICKHAM.



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

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

Sir,

THE following history of cases are among the number, of which I have to inform you were treated solely by the practice of your Metallic Points.

CASE I.

A boy eight years of age, being convalescent from a bilious remitting fever, was attacked with a severe phlegmonic inflammation in one of his legs. On the sixth day of its swelling I was called in for advice; considerable fluctuation had made its appearance about his ankle, and the whole leg was so tumefied, that he could neither bear it to the floor nor lay it with ease on a pillow or in a bed. The tendons of the foot and leg were contracted, and he could not sleep 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 lost his returning appetite. I applied the Metallics, and, in six 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 visited him, and found the whole tumor subsided nearly to its natural state, except the place where the fluctuation appeared, which I conjectured would soon burst; however, the Instruments were continued, and all appearances of tumefaction totally disappeared in four or five days, without any pain or foreness, except a little in the ankle. It is not improper to remark, that during the five days before I saw it, the family had applied a few common poultices, and some applications of vinegar, spirits, &c. On the sixth 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 spontaneous phlegmonic inflammation on the upper side of the foot, attended with great pain and tumefaction. On the ninth and tenth days, the Instruments were used, previous to which no-



thing had been applied. The pain immediately mitigated, the swelling subsided considerably, 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 her foot was well in four days.

### CASE III.

My little child was *scalded* with very *hot tea*, on the forehead, about three and an half inches in length, and three-fourths of an inch in breadth, which raised a visicle, before I had time to get any thing to apply to it. The Metallic Points were solely used, and by three operations, the whole redness disappeared; the blister broke, and the liquor under it, formed itself into a scabby surface. The next day the wound was perfectly circumscribed to the part blistered, and in three days the whole cast off, and left the second skin perfectly entire, without the smallest appearance of suppuration or inflammation; and what is extraordinary, it never appeared to give the child the smallest pain, itching or smarting, and in appearance was so 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 horse, and *dislocated* her *ankle*, which remained several hours before it was reduced, by which it became very much *swelled, inflamed, and painful*. Two or three operations with the Metallics relieved the pain, and, in a day or two, she walked the house, and had no further complaint.

I have used the Metallics, in many other instances, wherein they appeared to have very salutary 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.

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Windham-County, August 16, 1796.

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WE, 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 important to the healing art.

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

THOMAS HUBBARD,

Member of the Medical Society.

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\* When this certificate was given, doctors Baker, Hall, Lord, Brewster, and the author of the Metallic discovery, represented the county of Windham in the Connecticut Medical Convention.

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*IN addition to the various evidences of the importance of my Metallic Practice, in the foregoing pages, I subjoin the following resolves of the Connecticut Medical Convention, the first of which was published in most of the Newspapers in the United States, in June, 1796; the second was passed the succeeding May, and is, through the same channel, now circulating.*

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*At the adjourned Convention of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, holden at Hartford on the 17th day of May, 1796.*

Voted,

**I**T having been represented to this society, that one of their members, had gleaned up from the miserable remains of animal magnetism, a practice, consisting of strok-



ing with pointed Metallic Instruments, the pained parts of human bodies; giving out, that such strokings will radically cure the most obstinate pains to which our frame is incident—causing false reports to be propagated, of the effects of such strokings, especially when they have been performed on some public occasion, and on men of distinction; also, that an excursion has been made abroad, and a patent obtained from under the authority of the United States, to aid such delusive quackery; that under such auspices as *membership of this society, and patent above-mentioned*, the delusion is progressing to the southward, which may occasion disgrace to the society, and mischief abroad; wherefore, this society, announce to the public, that they consider all such practices as barefaced imposition, disgraceful to the faculty, and delusive to the ignorant. They therefore direct their secretary, to cite any member of this society, practising as above, before them at their next meeting, to answer for his conduct, and render reasons why he should not be expelled from the society for such disgraceful practices.

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*At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, held at Hartford on the second Tuesday in May 1797, it was represented, that,*

“Whereas Dr. Elisha Perkins, a member of this society, having obtained a patent from under the authority of the United States for the exclusive privilege of using and vending certain pointed *Metallic instruments*, pretending they were an invention of his own; and also, that they possess inherent powers of curing many diseases, which is contrary to rules and regulations adopted by this society, interdicting their members the use of nostrums. Therefore,

*Voted*, That the said Elisha Perkins be expelled from the medical society of the state of Connecticut.

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*To the first of these votes I should long since have publicly replied, did I not conceive it too base and contemptible to merit my notice. The stile in which it was dictated, the precipitate manner in which it was hurried through the*



Convention without my knowledge, were too abusive not to convince every candid mind of the source from whence it originated.

In the second vote, not pretending that the charges in the former had been substantiated by time and experience, they at length discover new grounds for accusation, and on these grounds they have effected my expulsion. My whole crime now consists in having, what the Convention call, a nostrum, or, in compliance with a law of the United States, enacted for the sole purpose of promoting the progress of useful arts, have, under the sanction of our first constituted authorities, obtained a patent which might enable me to defray the expenses that have arisen in disseminating a knowledge of its importance.

To determine the reasonableness of attempting to load me with an opprobrium by an expulsion, on the grounds of my having obtained a patent, I appeal to those just and equitable laws of our land, which were framed for the purpose of encouraging new and useful improvements, and to that principle of moral justice, which stimulates an honest man to recompense those to whom he is indebted. While I am making these remarks, it is my duty to observe, that all the Members of the Society were not concerned in those extraordinary proceedings. Several respectable Fellows and Members, as may be observed in this publication, who have been furnished with the Instruments, have generously come forward, notwithstanding the menaces of the Society, and openly declared their sentiments in favour of the practice. Influenced by the same worthy and philanthropic motives, other characters, of the first respectability, have published their attestations independent of that buffonery, which, by interested persons, is too often exerted to discourage useful innovations.

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*A useful treatment for the Dysentery, and Scarlatina Anginosa or Canker Rash.*

**I**N the course of an extensive practice for about 5 years past, I have met with the most pleasing success, in



treating the dysentery and scarlatina anginosa; and as these complaints frequently extend their baneful ravages, I take pleasure in communicating to the public a simple remedy, which, when judiciously used, has seldom failed of removing those diseases.

Saturate any quantity of the best vinegar with common marine salt; to one large table-spoonful of this solution, add four times the quantity of boiling water; let the patient take of this preparation as hot as it can be swallowed, one spoonful once in half a minute until the whole is drank: this for an adult. The quantity may be varied according to the age, size, and constitution of the patient. If necessary, repeat the dose once in six or eight hours. Considerable evacuations, I conceive, to be, not only unnecessary, but injurious, as they serve to debilitate and prolong the disease.

A tea of plantain or some other cooling, simple drink, may be useful, and if a thirst for cyder be discovered, it may be gratified.

Carefully avoid keeping this preparation in vessels partaking of the qualities of lead, as the poison produced by that means, may prove dangerous.

The success of the remedy depends much on preparing and giving the dose, as above-directed.

The simplicity of this treatment renders it the more valuable, as all persons have it in their power to avail themselves of its use.

I have found it useful in agues, diarrhoeas, and the yellow fever.

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✿ I promise myself the pleasure of publishing, when I shall have leisure, a treatise on the *cause and cure of diseases*, upon *principles* materially *different* from those which have been heretofore embraced.

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
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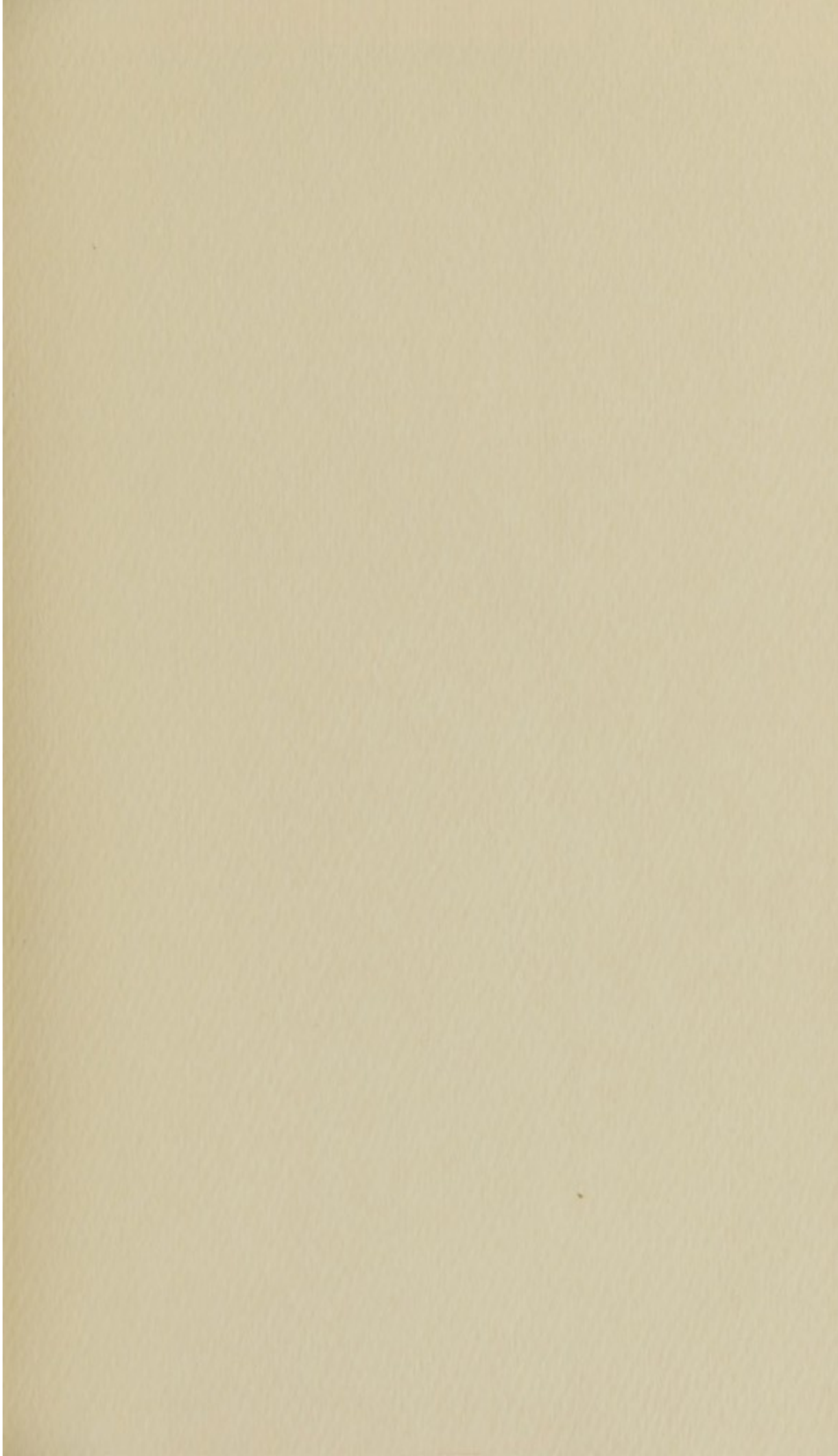


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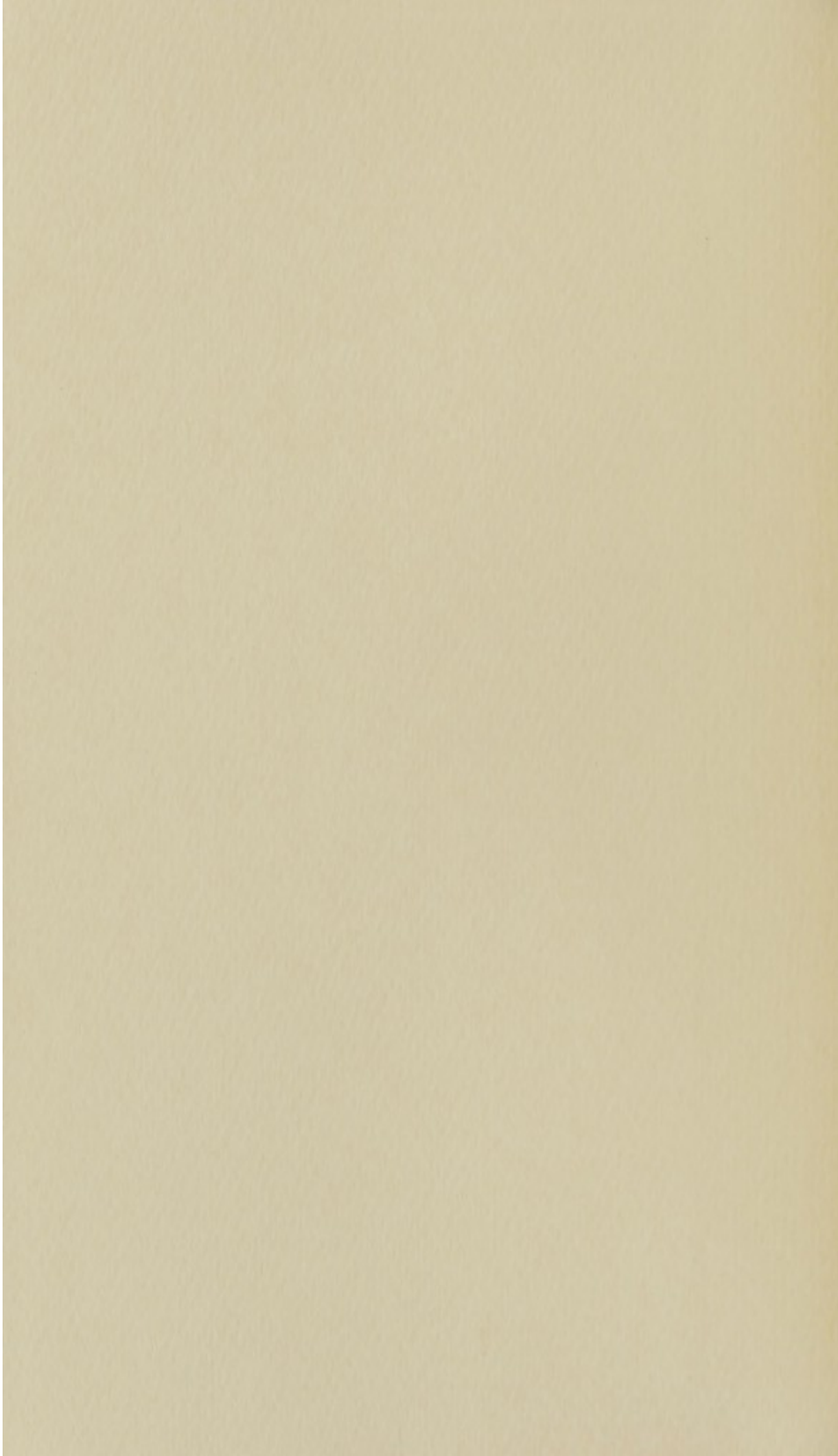
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