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# EXAMINATION OF THE CHEST,

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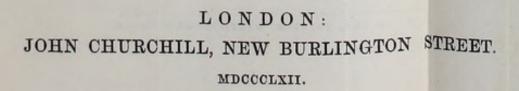
#### A SERIES OF TABLES.

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## PREFACE.

The following Tables are intended to assist Students in the diagnosis of Diseases of the Chest, by the connection of the various physical signs with their proper value and signification. They were originally drawn up at the suggestion of the late Dr. Baly, who gave me for publication two or three tables used by him in his Lectures, which, with slight alterations, are included in this series. Somewhat similar tables may also be found scattered throughout larger works on the subject. The nomenclature employed is that in general use at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, synonymous terms being printed in italics. The outlines of the engravings are copied from photographs of the skeleton.

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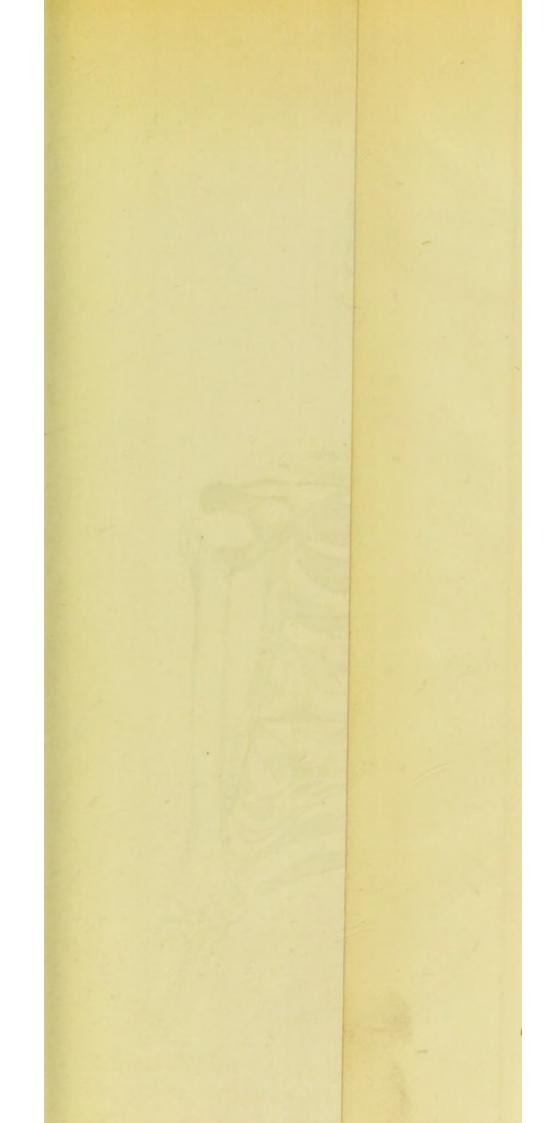
# I.—ORDER TO BE OBSERVED IN RECORDING A CASE OF DISEASE OF THE CHEST.

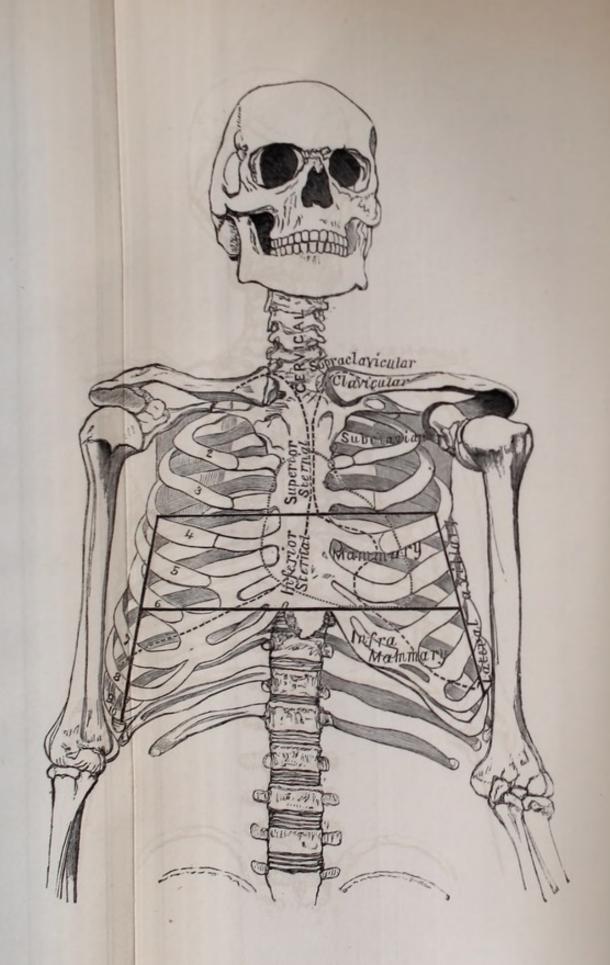
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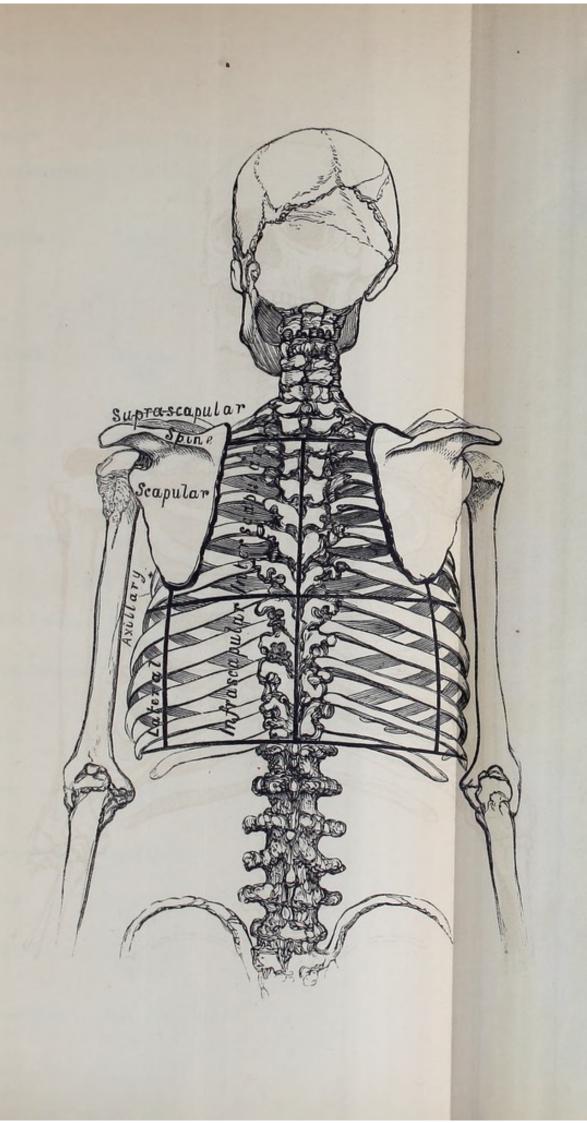
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General Appearance.—	Complexion Posture Respiration State of Skin Pulse Tongue  Appetite Thirst Rest at night  Functions of Brain State of Bowels Urinary Organs  Catamenia	<ul> <li>Any obvious swelling or deformity.</li> <li>Colour of lips.</li> <li>Condition of alæ nasi.</li> <li>Any rash (or eruption).</li> <li>Frequency, volume, force, regularity.</li> <li>Whether clean and moist, or the contrary.</li> <li>Nausea and vomiting.</li> <li>Delirium, stupor, or otherwise.</li> <li>Memory, &amp;c.</li> <li>Character of motions.</li> <li>Reaction of urine, specific gravity, and chemical characters.</li> </ul>
Complaints of Patient .	Pain Cough . Expectoration .	<ul> <li>Its situation and character, whether increased by exertion, deep inspiration, or pressure.</li> <li>Character and frequency.</li> <li>Character, general and microscopical appearance of sputa.</li> </ul>
Physical Examination by		. Inspection, palpation, measurement, percussion, and auscultation.

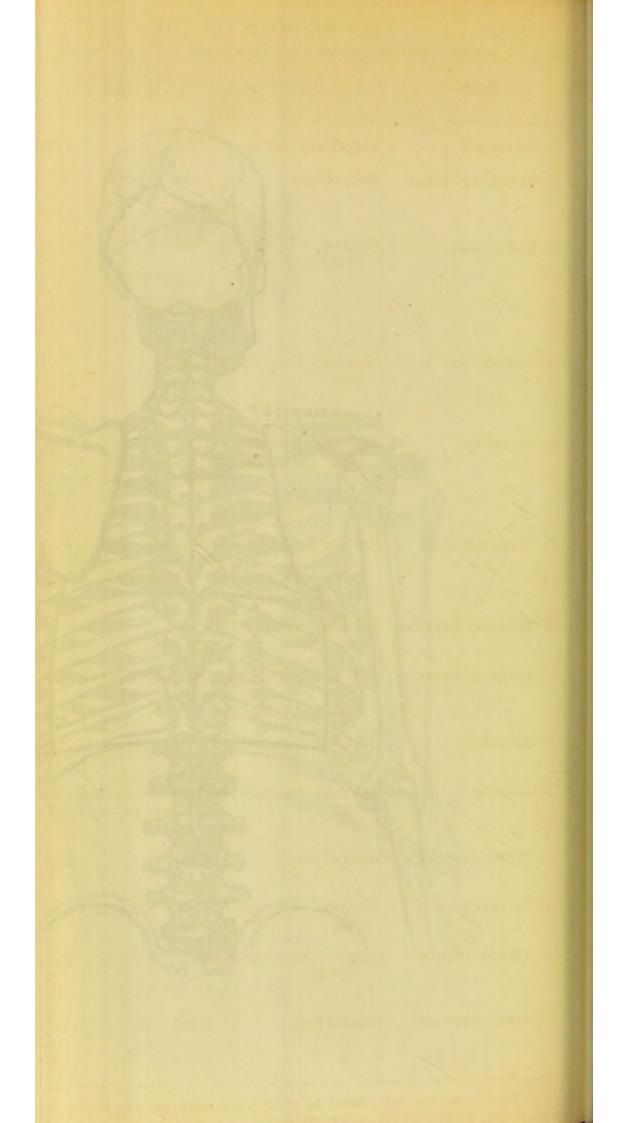
History.—Residence, occupation, habits; date and nature of previous ailments; date and early symptoms of present illness; manner and dates of their aggravation; whether any medical treatment has been resorted to; family history.

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## II.—REGIONS OF THE CHEST.

Region.	Contents.	Resonance on percus- sion in health.	Auscultation in health.
1. Cervical*	Larynx and trachea.		Tracheal breathing and voice.
2. Supra-clavicular .	Apex of lung.	Clear.	Very pure, vesicular murmur, (scarcely audible); voice scarcely audible.
3. CLAVICULAR	Clavicles, and vesicular structure of lung.	Clear.	Pure vesicular murmur and scarcely audible voice, except at the sternal end, where there are bronchial breathing and bronchophony.
4. Subclavian	Vesicular structure of lung.	Clear.	Pure vesicular murmur and scarcely audible voice. Heart sounds on left side below.
5. Mammary	Vesicular structure of lung. Heart on left side.	Clear on right side. Dull on left, in greater part of region.	Pure vesicular murmur above.  Heart sounds below on left side, and feeble vesicular murmur on right.  Voice scarcely audible.
6. Infra-mammary .	Anterior portion of base of lung. Stomach below on left side, liver on right.	tic on left side;	Distant vesicular murmur. Voice scarcely audible.
7. Superior Sternal .	Division of trachea, aorta, and great vessels.	Clear.	Bronchial breathing and bron- chophony.
8. Inferior Sternal .	Anterior mediastinum above. Stomach be- low.	Clear above; tym- panitic below.	Pure vesicular murmur above, becoming feeble below. Voice scarcely audible.
9. Axillary	Vesicular structure of lung.	Clear.	Pure vesicular murmur. Voice scarcely audible.
10. Lateral	Vesicular structure of lung.	Clear above; dull below on right side.	Pure vesicular murmur. Voice scarcely audible.
11. Supra-scapular .	Apex of lung.	Clear.	Pure vesicular murmur. Voice scarcely audible.
12. SCAPULAR	Vesicular structure of lung.	Rather less clear.	Pure vesicular murmur. Voice scarcely audible.
	Roots of lung, and large bronchi.		Bronchial breathing and bronchophony (vesicular, but more tubular than in other regions)
14. Infra-scapular .	Base of lung.	Clear.	Very pure, vesicular mur- mur. Voice scarcely audi- ble.

<sup>\*</sup> This region has been added to those which more properly belong to the chest, on account of its containing part of the respiratory organs.

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### III.—PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.

Method of examination.	Shows	Instruments used.
1. Inspection .	Form, symmetry, and capa city of the chest. Outline of sternum, costa cartilages, and spine. Any swelling or deformity Mode and type of respiration (natural and forced) Comparative size and degree of movement of the two sides. Position of apex of heart.	
2. Palpation (Application of the Hand.)  3. Mensuration—	Comparative movement of the two sides. Vibration communicated to the parietes of the chest by the voice (vocal vibration). Force of the heart's impulse. Occasionally certain morbid phenomena, as pleural and pericardial friction.	
(a) Of Size .	movement of the chest	M. Woillez's cyrtometer. Dr. Sibson's stethometer
4. Percussion	Degree of resonance in various parts of the chest (most valuable in com-	Plessor.—A hammer tipped with indiarubber. The first and second fingers of the
	sounds. Heart sounds. Abnormal cardiac sounds (murmurs).	Stethoscope.—A hollow cylinder of wood, about eight inches long, with a flat piece at one extremity for application to the ear, and the other extremity cone-shaped, for application to the walls of the chest.  A modification of the stethoscope, in using which both ears are employed, has been recently invented by Dr. Scott Alison.

Percussion may be—(1) Immediate.—Where the chest is struck directly, without the interposition of any pleximeter.

(2) Mediate.—Where an instrument termed a pleximeter is interposed between the chest and the substance with which the stroke is made. This may be either a thin plate of ivory or bone, or, still better, the first and second finger of the left hand.

Auscultation may be—(1) Immediate.—Where the ear is applied directly to the walls of the chest.

(2) Mediate.—Where the stethoscope is interposed between the ear and the

walls of the chest.

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Resonance.	Cause.	Examples of disease.
DIMINISHED in various degrees, or altogether Absent.	Deficiency of air in the lung beneath the part percussed, or solid or liquid matter between the walls of the chest and the lung containing air.	Pneumonia, first stage. Phthisis; contracted lung, with thickened pleura.  Edema and congestion of lung.  Extreme tubercular infiltra- tion.  Tumours.  Pneumonia, second and third stages.  Pleuritic effusion.  Intra-thoracic tumours and aneurisms.
INCREASED .  Tympanitic .	Air increased in quantity, or air in pleural cavity.	Emphysema.  Tubercular cavity, having thin walls, and situated near the surface.  Pneumothorax.  Extreme emphysema.
AMPHORIC .  Box-like .		Upper part of lung compressed by fluid below.  Pneumonia of upper lobe. Cavities.
CRACKED-POT SOUND	Air expelled from cavity by sudden pressure.	Cavity of considerable size, with large bronchus opening into it, mouth of patient being open.

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# V.—ABNORMAL VOICE SOUNDS.

Sound of voice.	· Cause.	Examples of disease.
FEEBLE OR EXTINCT VOCAL RESONANCE	Primary bronchus obstruc- ted, or non-conducting medium in pleura.	Tumours compressing, or foreign body in, bronchus.  Pneumothorax.
		Hydrothorax. Empyema.
Exaggerated Vocal Resonance	Large cavities; diminished I distance of large bron-I chi, from malformation; increased resounding or conducting power.	Dilatation of bronchus. ncipient phthisis.
Bronchophony M		neumonia, second and third stages.  hthisis, with great consolidation. ilated bronchi.
ÆGOPHONY FI	luid, in small or mode-Plante quantity, in pleural cavity.	eurisy, with effusion.
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## VI.—MODIFICATION OF NORMAL RESPIRATORY SOUNDS.

Sound.	Chief causes.	Condition of organs.	Examples of disease.
FEEBLE BREATHING	Various. Air entering the air-cells in diminished quantity and force.	increase of solid	Incipient phthisis. Bronchitis. Pneumonia, first
EXTINCT BREATHING	Generally the presence of a non-conducting medium between the lung and the walls of the chest.	pressure upon its surface.	Pleuritic effusion. Tumours.
INTERRUPTED  JERKING  (Respiration saccadée of Laennec)	Air entering feebly; blood strongly im- pelled into the lung.		Debility, with palpita- tion. Incipient phthisis. Spasmodic asthma.
Puerile Supplementary Breathing .	Air entering the air-cells with in- creased rapidity and force.	Healthy,	Disease of opposite lung, or of other parts of the same lung.
Exaggerated Breathing .	Increased friction in the air-cells and smallest bronchial tubes.	(sound soft).	Generally consistent with health, and supplementary. Heard in cases of uramia and other bloodpoisoned diseases, and in hysteria and nervous diseases.
		Lung solidified, or bronchial tubes obstructed (harsh sound).	Incipient phthisis.
BLOWING TUBULAR OF BRONCHIAL CAVERNOUS  BREATHING .	Friction of air in the large bronchial tubes, or in abnor- mal cavities of the lung.	Lung solidified or compressed (harsh	Pneumonia. Tumours. Tubercular and other
Amphoric Breathing .			Pneumothorax. Dilated bronchial tubes. Large cavities.

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## VII.—ABNORMAL SOUNDS (DRY).

Sound.	Situation.	Causes.	Examples of disease.
Sibilus (Rhonchus sibilans.)	Lesser bronchial tubes.	Vibration of thick mucus attached to the wall of the tube, or dryness of mucous membrane; not easily removed by cough.	Emphysema. Asthma.
RHONCHUS (Rhonchus Sonorans.)	Larger bronchial tubes.	Vibration of thick mucus in tubes; generally easily removed by cough.	
PLEURAL FRICTION SOUND CREAKING SOUND.	Layers of pleura	posed surfaces of pleura, rough-	Pleurisy, before effusion has commenced, or after absorption of the fluid.
METALLIC TINKLING	Cavities.	Vibration of air in large cavities, with tense walls and generally some solid contents; or (much more doubtfully)— Falling of a drop of fluid from the upper part of a large cavity, with tense walls. Occasionally produced by the action of the heart upon a tympanitic stomach.	Pneumothorax.

# VIII.—ABNORMAL SOUNDS (MOIST).

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Sound.	Situation.	Causes.	Examples of disease.
Fine Crepitation (Pneumonic) (Crepitant râle.)	Air-cells or small- est tubes.	bubbles in fluid	
MEDIUM CREPITA- TION (Subcrepitant râle.)	Bronchial tubes of second and third divisions.	Bursting of airbubbles in fluid.	Phthisis. Bronchitis. Congestion and œdema of lung. Pulmonary apo- plexy.
CLICK (Valvular) .	A small cavity.	Bursting of a single air-bubble. (?)	Phthisis, with softening tubercle.
Large Crepita- tion (Mucous râle.)	Largest tubes and small or mode- rate-sized cavi- ties.	bubbles in fluid.	Phthisis in second or commencement of third stage. Bronchitis.
Gurgling	Large cavities (or number of small cavities).	Bursting of air-] bubbles in fluid.	Phthisis in third stage. Abscess of lung.
CHURNING SOUND .	Lung in a state of disorganization.		Gangrene of lung.
Splash on Succus- sion	Cavity of pleura.	ance of an and	Pneumothorax, with effusion. Very large cavities.

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Sound.	Situation.	Causes.	Examples of disease.
Fine Crepitation (Pneumonic) (Crepitant râle.)	Air-cells or small- est tubes.	bubbles in fluid,	sionally during resolution.
MEDIUM CREPITA- TION (Subcrepitant râle.)	Bronchial tubes of second and third divisions.	bubbles in fluid.	Phthisis. Bronchitis. Congestion and œdema of lung. Pulmonary apo- plexy.
CLICK (Valvular) .	A small cavity.	Bursting of a single air-bubble. (?)	Phthisis, with soft- ening tubercle.
LARGE CREPITA- TION (Mucous râle.)	Largest tubes and small or moderate-sized cavities.	bubbles in fluid.	Phthisis in second or commencement of third stage. Bronchitis.
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## XI.—SOUNDS AND IMPULSE OF HEART.

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Sound.	Character.	Situation.	Cause.	Time.	Condition of cir- culation.*
First Sound . (Systolic)	Dull and prolonged.	Præcordial region. (Beyond it in thin and nervous persons.)	riculo - ventri- cular valves, and perhaps	whole time of heart's rhythm.	
Second Sound (Diastolic)	Short and clear.	Præcordial re- gion and course of aorta and pulmonary ar- tery.	of the aortic and pulmonary	ter of the	
Pause				ter of the	Completed distension of auricles, followed by their contraction and distension of ventricles. Auriculoventricular valves open, arterial valves closed.
Impulse		and sixth ribs on left side, about one and	Contraction of the ventricles, tilting the apex upwards and forwards, and causing it to strike against the walls of the chest.		

<sup>\*</sup> From Dr. Kirkes' 'Physiology.'

# XII.—ABNORMAL CARDIAC SOUNDS, OR MURMURS.

Murmur.	Character	Time.	Situation.	Cause.	Concomitant symptoms.
Pericardial . 1	Friction.	Double sound, heard in addition to the natural sounds of the heart, and obscuring them, but not taking their place.		Rubbing together of the opposed sur- faces of the pericar- dium, which have been roughened by the products of in- flammation.	region, with ten- derness on pressure, and palpitation.
ENDOCARDIAL . I	Blowing.	Single, taking the place of one of the sounds of the heart; or double, taking the place of both sounds.	or more of the valvular	the particles of the	any symptoms di- rectly calling atten- tion to the heart; or, with pain, ex- cessive impulse in-
(1) Systolic .		Taking the place of the first sound of the heart.		Unusual vibrations among the particles of the blood, arising from some peculiar state of the blood itself (functional).	
(2) DIASTOLIC.		Taking the place of the second sound of the heart.			

## XIII.—ENDOCARDIAL MURMURS.

Time.		Situation and direction.	Orifice.	Nature.
Systolic —	- 1	Heard most distinctly in the situation of the aortic valves, diminishing in intensity towards the apex of the heart. Heard distinctly at the junction of the second rib with the sternum on the right side; scarcely at all in the same situation on the left side.	Aortic.	Obstructive.
,,	2	Heard most distinctly in the situation of the pulmonary valves; in other respects the same as those stated above, except that it is distinct on the left and very faint on the right side, at the junction of the second rib with the sternum.	Pulmonary.	Obstructive.
"	3	Heard most distinctly at apex; faint at base; audible posteriorly.	Mitral.	Regurgitant.
	4	Heard most distinctly to right of apex, but very difficult to distinguish from preceding.	Tricuspid,	Regurgitant.
DIASTOLIC-	-1	Heard most distinctly at base.	Aortic.	Regurgitant.
11	2	Heard most distinctly at apex.	Mitral.	Obstructive.

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#### TABLES OF SOME OF THE PRINCIPAL DISEASES OF THE LUNGS, WITH THEIR SYMPTOMS, PHYSICAL SIGNS, AND APPEARANCES ON DISSECTION.

#### ACTIVE PRONCILIBLE

Disease.	Symptoms. Physical signs		Appearances on dissection.
ACUTE BRON- CHITIS: 1st Stage	Cough, with urgent dyspnœa, but generally without expectoration. Frequent pulse and febrile symptoms.	sion unimpaired. Feeble vesicular	membrane of bron- chial tubes, with some degree of swel-
2nd Stage .  3rd Stage . (Termination	Cough, with expectoration of frothy, transparent mucus, mixed with air-bubbles of various sizes, and occasionally tinged or streaked with blood. Urgent dyspnæa, often amounting to orthopnæa. Lividity and febrile symptoms increased. Restlessness at night.  Gradual remission of the symptoms. Expecto-		when the chest is opened. The mucous membrane of the bronchial tubes is still red and swollen, and the tubes
favorable) (Unfavorable)	ration becomes thick, greenish, and opaque.  Increase of febrile symptoms. Dyspnæa very urgent, signs of impending suffocation.		
	Profuse cold sweats. Sinking and delirium.		
	BRONCHITIS.		
CHRONIC BRON- CHITIS	Cough, generally coming on at the approach of winter, with the history of former attacks. Sputa sometimes thin and transparent, at others thick and mucopurulent, either green or yellow. Dyspnæa. Lividity of surface, and in some cases the symptoms resemble those of chronic phthisis, as wasting, with night-sweats and hectic.	and abdominat. Slightly impaired resonance on percussion, most marked in the lower and posterior portions of the chest. Feeble vesicular murmur, mixed with rhonchus, sibilus, and crepitation.	Lungsgenerally much congested, presenting adark, livid hue, with portions collapsed. Bronchial tubes filled with secretion, which may be either thin and transparent or thick, greenish, or puriform. Mucous membrane thick-ened. Tubes frequently dilated.

Disease.	Symptoms.	Physical signs.	Appearances on dissection.
Emphysema (Vesicular)	of breath, with occasional paroxysms of urgent dyspnæa, most frequently supervening on catarrh. Palpitation, and ædema of the ancles. Cough, with or without expectoration of thin, transparent, frothy mucus.	wards. Scapulæ and clavicles raised and ill- defined. Lateral re- gions of chest promi- nent and rounded, and intercostal spaces widened. Respiration abdominal. Movement of chest much dimi- nished. Resonance on percussion greatly in- creased or tympanitic. Feeble inspiration, prolonged respiration; the former wheezing, the latter generally with rhonchus or sibi- lus. Heart often dis- placed.	as usual, when the chest is opened, but, on the contrary, may rise up and bulge out of its cavity. They are pale and anæmic, and do not crepitate when pressed, but feel soft and downy. Lung drier than ordinary. The air-cells are dilated, or several have become one cavity from the rupture of the septa between them. Cells vary from the size of a millet-seed to that of a swan-shot, or larger.
Emphysema (Interlobular)	and oppression, generally occur- ring suddenly after some vio- lent effort, the	over the affected part.	Bead-like bubbles of air seen through the pleura, or partitions between the lobules much widened. Sometimes air is found beneath the areolar tissue of the neck.
	,	PNEUMOTHORAX.	
PNEUMOTHORAX, TRUE (very rare)  PNEUMOTHORAX (with Effusion)	Various, depending on the cause which produces the pneumothorax. Always urgent dyspnæa with inability to lie on the affected side. Generally, sharp, stabbing pain. Cough and fetid puriform expectoration.	Dilatation of the affected side, with obliteration or bulging of the intercostal spaces. Movement on respiration diminished or absent. Increased elasticity of the walls of the chest. No vocal vibration. Clear, tympanitic resort true vesicular murmur with inspiration, voice	ally from the spontaneous evolution of gas, said to be owing to the chemical decomposition of purulent fluid in the pleura.  nance on percussion. Note, but amphoric sounds, and cough. Occasioning along the spine and in Lung collapsed. Air, mixed with fluid, in the pleural cavity, from the bursting of various kinds of ab-
		the level of the fluid Metallic tinkling and splashing sound on suc cession are also fre quently heard.  lung, and more rarely	as a termination of phthisis, a superficial cavity becoming ruptured. May occur in pneumonia, emphysema, or gangrene of the

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Disease.	Symptoms.	Physical signs.	Appearances dissection.
PNEUMONIA: 1st Stage	Rigors, followed by heat of skin. Increased frequency of pulse. Pain in the side, increased by cough or deep inspiration. Dyspnæa. Cough, at first dry, with rusty sputa about the second or third day. Inability to lie on affected side. Dilating alænasi. Herpes about lips. Frontal headache.	ment of the affected side. Respiration abdominal. Slightly impaired resonance on percussion. Fine (pneumonic) crepitation, most frequently heard at base of lung.	frothy and ble serum. Dark colour extern and on sec Crepitating and heavier sound lung, still floating water. Puli
2nd Stage .	Increased distress and dyspnæa. Respiration and speech panting. Cough more urgent, and sputa still rust-coloured, extremely viscid, and tenacious.	ment. Vocal vibrations well marked. Dul- ness on percus- sion. Bronchial	or mottled granular on surface. E torn, and fluid exudin pressure les bundant tha first stage, thicker, and wards the of this stage coming puru Not crepita and sinking
3rd Stage .	Aspect much distressed. Face pale and livid. Great failure of vital powers. Hectic and delirium. Cough continues, and the sputa sometimes re- main rust-coloured, at others become absolutely purulent, or dark, thin, and fetid.	Absolute dulness on F percussion. Bronchial breathing and bronchophony, frequently with gurgling crepitation where the lung is disorganized.	water. Reddish-yellow grey. More ten and fri Purulent exudes from cut surface, on pressure, whole lung be reduced pulp-like ma

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Disease.	Symptoms.	Physical signs.	Appearances on dissection.
PLEURISY: 1st Stage (Inflammation, without Effusion)	the side, increased by deep inspiration or cough, accompanied generally with some tenderness on pressure. Breathing short and hurridominal, with in	sometimes felt by the hand. Some impairment of resonance on percussion. Feeble and indistinct vesicular murmur, with friction sound heard only during respiration.  ed. Respiration chiefly abability to lie on the affected hout expectoration. Febrile	ened, and highly vas- cular, presenting a close network of blood-vessels, with ecchymoses.
PLEURISY: 2nd Stage (with Effusion)	Cough, dyspnæa, sense of weight, and fulness of the affected side. Febrile symptoms. Hectic in empyema.  Patient lies towards, not on, the affected side.	side, which is unduly pro- minent, the intercostal spaces being obliterated	purulent, mixed with shreds of creamy lymph, in the cavity of the pleura. Lungs pushed upwards and backwards towards the spine, its surface coated with a layer of lymph of the same kind as that mixed with the fluid. The lung collapsed.  wer into the abdomen murmur almost or quite hial breathing along the in sound lung. Voice en the layer of fluid is
PLEURISY: (Resolution after Effusion)	Gradual diminution of the cough, dyspnæa, and other symptoms. Returning ability of the patient to lie on the sound side. Gradual return of displaced organs to their normal position.	The movement of the ches The dulness on percussion downwards, but the resona box-like for a considerable dual restoration of the ves affected side, and, when has been absorbed, return of a short time. Diseased sid nent, after a time flattened being almost obliterated, so mate or nearly touch each comes curved in the dorse diseased, in the lumbar tow	t gradually increases. diminishes from above ance generally remains period. There is gra- icular murmur on the nearly all the fluid f the friction sound for de becomes less promi- , the intercostal spaces that the ribs approxi- other. The spine be- al region towards the

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