

certain symptoms which indicate a disturbed state of the system are mitigated, and finally subdued, in consequence of the exhibition, to use a technical term, of certain reputed remedies. And it is open to the observation of almost every one, that the vegetable kingdom is the most fertile source, not only of the commonest and least efficient, but of some of the most powerful medicines with which we are acquainted. Nor can we doubt, when we see similar effects resulting from the use of the same medicines in individuals of very different constitutions, that the peculiar qualities of those substances, with respect to the effects they produce in the human system, were imparted to them by nature with a view to their application to those ends.

It may have happened to any one in the course of the last few years, during which intermittent fever or ague has prevailed very generally in this country, to witness the severe nature of some symptoms of that disease; paroxysms of dreadful rigour or shivering; nausea; intense headache, with delirium; paralytic affections of the limbs; and burning heat of the whole body, terminating in profuse perspiration: and whoever has witnessed such symptoms, recurring in the same individual at stated intervals, has probably seen their return at once arrested by a few doses of Peruvian bark, in the state of