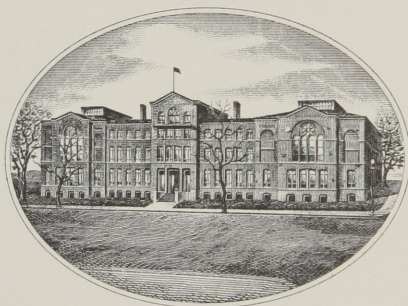


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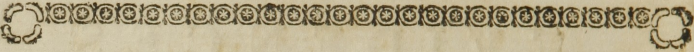
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EVIDENCES
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Patent Metallic Instruments.

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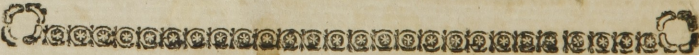
TO THE PUBLIC.



SENSIBLE that every attempt at improvement in any of the useful arts, ever has, and probably ever will meet with opposition, either from interested or *certain other* motives, which in a greater or less degree influence the generality of mankind,—the subscriber takes the liberty to cite a few among numerous cases in which his method of removing pains, inflammations, and spasmodic affections from the human body, has been attended with success. The novelty and apparent simplicity of this practice, may possibly induce some, before they have had recourse to experiment, to question its efficacy and treat the subject with ridicule. That the public may be more satisfactorily informed as to its utility and importance, he publishes the following certificates and letters, as received from several of the most respectable characters.

ELISHA PERKINS.

Plainfield, January 2, 1797.





EVIDENCES, &c.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS TO THE AUTHOR OF THE
METALLIC DISCOVERY.

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

DEAR SIR,

New-Haven, Octo. 7, 1796.

I SHOULD have written you last week, had I then been able to ascertain certain facts, the rumor of which I had heard. A Mrs. Beers, a near neighbor to me, the wife of Eber Beers, and daughter of Capt. Samuel Huggins, of this town, had been, for fourteen weeks, exceedingly distressed with the Rheumatism, to such a degree that for the fourteen weeks, previous to the 29th of last month, she had not been able to walk across her room even with crutches, save only once, when she made out with the assistance of crutches, to hobble part of the way across her room.—On the 29th of September last she procured a set of your Metallic Substances, and in less than an hour after she had begun to use them, in the manner directed by you, she rose from her chair, and walked about her house, and on the next day she went abroad to her 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 gentleman all, with one voice, supported, from their own knowledge, her story. It is a duty which you owe yourself and the world to promulge this event.

I am very respectfully,
your obedient 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.

CALVIN GODDARD, Esq.

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 laborer 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 though the skin was ready to burst—The leg up to the hip he said was in extreme pain, so that he was deprived of sleep the night 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 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."

* *This sweating is not unusual.*

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

S I R,

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

JAMES GLOVER.

MR. SAMUEL SATTERLEE.

Williamstown, Nov. 3, 1796.

I WAS called on in the evening by a gentleman with a Cancer on his lip 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.

MR. JOHN PUNCHARD.

S I R,

Salem, Octo. 19, 1796.

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.

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

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

S I R,

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.

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

S I R,

Norwich, Dec. 20, 1796.

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 pains and 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, headaches, agues in the face, ophthalmics, pains in the limbs, breast and sides, and in cynanche tonsillar, and in

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 a general inflammatory diathesis, the tonsils so tumefied as to be nearly closed together. His throat and neck externally enlarged, a constant discharge by spitting of 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 he had not swallowed any thing for thirty-six hours, except three or four spoonsful 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 Point 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 operation 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 inquiry, 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 swallowed without pain and in a few days regained his usual health.

One case of a 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 an 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 of the skin from any other cause.

It argues great folly to condemn any innovation or any 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.

Christiana, July 14, 1796.

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE operated in a few cases only with your Instruments, for but few have offered since I possessed them. One case of nervous or hysteric head-ache—perfectly cured—a case of odotalgia 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.

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

SIR,

New-London, Dec. 29, 1796.

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 a convalescent from a billious 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 a-

bout his ancle, 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 ancle. 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 nothing 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 the 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.

REV. DR. MORSE, of Charleston.

DEAR SIR,

December 9, 1796.

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-ache, 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.*

JEDIDIAH MORSE.

* *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 relief could be given to teeth which were very defective.*

REV. WALTER KING.

S I R,

Norwich, Octo. 6, 1796.

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.

REV. DR. ROBBINS, of Plymouth.

DEAR SIR,

Sept. 24, 1796.

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.

REV. DR. STILLMAN, of Boston.

DEAR SIR,

Octo. 6, 1796.

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

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

I am, &c.

SAMUEL STILLMAN.

REV. MR. BRADFORD, of Rowley.

DEAR SIR,

Dec. 2, 1796.

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 her 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 thro' the earth, is the desire of

Yours, &c.

EBENERER BRADFORD.

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

GEN. TYLER, AND MR. LORD.

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

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

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

JOHN TYLER.

Preston, July 29, 1796.

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

JAMES LORD.

COL. JONATHAN GLOVER.

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 Marblehead, I felt a pain as usual, in my other foot, but which, on applying the Instruments which I purchased of the Doctor, was removed directly.

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

JONATHAN GLOVER.

Boston, October 5, 1796.

Mr. CONSTANT FREEMAN, Master of the Alms-House, Boston.

THIS certifies, That Doctor Elisha Perkins, of Plainfield, Connecticut, visited the Poor-House of this

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

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

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

Lewis Dumeth, a Frenchman, was operated upon by the Doctor, for the 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 Doctor 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 as above stated.

NATHAN WEBB.

RALPH POPE.

Boston, Sept. 23, 1796.

MR. NATHAN PIERCE.

Master of the Alms-House, Newburyport.

Newburyport, Octo. 28, 1796.

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 make, in a short time, they all appear to be *much* relieved of their complaints.

NATHAN PIERCE.

Mr. NATHAN GLOVER & Mr. AMOS SIMONS.

INATHAN 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 Quinsy, 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 Doct. 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 maturate and break as it had usually done, but in about twenty-four hours wholly subsided, and my throat became perfectly well.

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

NATHAN GLOVER.

Plainfield, August 9, 1796.

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

AMOS SIMONS.

CAPT. JOSHUA BOTTUM.

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 ef-

ficacy of Dr. Perkins's Patent Instruments, but being myself an unbeliever in this method of removing pains; in consequence of the suggestions of his 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 surprize, the pain entirely ceased, and has never returned. I have every reason to believe that a radical cure was effected by that one operation.

JOSHUA BOTTUM.

Plainfield, August 5, 1796.

MR. AND MRS. SNOW.

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

ELIZABETH SNOW.

Plainfield, August 3, 1796.

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

ABRAHAM SNOW.

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 Doctor *Elisha Perkins*, for physical aid : He proposed removing my pain with his Metallic Instruments, without any internal application. As I was far from having any faith in such apparently simple means, I treated them with ridicule. However, I 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 Doct. 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 soreness soon left it and the cure was entire. I am persuaded that the invention is important, and will be of great benefit to mankind.

JOEL BENEDICT,

Pastor of a church in Plainfield.

August 10, 1796.

REV. LEVI HART.

THIS may certify that the subscriber has been a witness to the successful application of Doctor Perkins's patent Metallic Instruments, in the removal of rheumatic pains and head-aches; and in repeated instances he has seen exquisite pain, occasioned by contusions, removed 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.

REV. SOLOMON MORGAN.

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

SOLOMON MORGAN.

Pastor of the first church in Canterbury.

August 10, 1796.

REV. MICAIAH PORTER.

IMICAIAH PORTER, of Voluntown, in the county of Windham and state of Connecticut, certify, that I have myself made repeated experiments with

Doctor Perkins's Metallic Instruments, for removing pains and inflammations ; that I have almost invariably succeeded to my own astonishment, in curing head aches, teeth aches, rheumatism 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.

MICAH PORTER,

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

REV. DR. BARNARD, of Salem.

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 Doctor 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 Doctor 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, bilis, 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.

JOSHUA SPALDING.

Dec. 5, 1796.

Rev. CALEB BRADLEY, and Dr. JAMES GOSS.

WE the subscribers, of Gloucester, in the county of Essex, and state of Massachusetts, certify that we this day saw Doctor Perkins'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

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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, Octo. 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.

Capt. D. R. Old rheumatic pain and inflamed eye; Capt. E. K. An inflamed painful leg; Capt. T. H. Fixed pain in the breast, of long standing; Capt. N. K. Pain in the back; Miss H. Old rheumatic pain; Mr. W. D. Old strain in the shoulder, attended with stiffness and pain; Mr. J. S. Strained hand with pain; Wife of Capt. A. S. Rheumatism of long standing; Mr. J. S. Violent 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. do.

REV. ELHANAN WINCHESTER.

ICERTIFY that on the 21st of March, 1796, I saw Doct. Perkins' method of cure by pointed Me-

callic Instruments, tried with success, upon several patients in the poor-house or bettering house in Philadelphia; especially upon a man who was unable to lift his right hand to his head, as was tried before hand, but who after a few minutes operation, was able to remove it at pleasure, and in my sight, put it with ease on the top of his head and back of his neck, and in all directions.

Nearly the same 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 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 increased till it became very distressing, and has been attended with a stiffness, to such a degree that I could not raise my hand to the top of my head without great difficulty. On or about the 18th June last, myself operated on my shoulder when it was in extreme pain, with Doctor Perkins's Patent Tractors.—The pain, to my great surprise, wholly left me within six minutes, and my shoulder was soon freed from

its former stiffness, so that I could move that arm and shoulder with the same ease, that I could the other.— The pain has but once returned and then very lightly, in consequence of severe exercise : It was immediately removed by applying the tractors.

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

JAREB DYER, Physician. •

Canterbury, April 11, 1796.

DOCTOR T. BACKUS,

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

I THE subscriber was called on the 4th instant, to attend a patient, by the name of James Crawford, who for the term of nearly five years, has been frequently troubled with a species of epileptic fits. When I first saw him, he had experienced in the course of the day, about twelve, each of which usually held him nearly fifteen minutes. At the commencement of one of them, I took from him about fourteen ounces of blood ; but discovering no happy effect, I applied Doctor Perkins's patent Metallic Instruments to his right leg, in which he usually experienced the

first attack of his fits. The whole leg immediately became limber and free from spasms, and he soon revived without suffering a general convulsion. About twenty minutes after, I being out of his room, was informed that the symptoms of another fit appeared, and before I could operate on him, he was universally convulsed with an entire loss of reason. I then applied the instruments to his right leg, six or eight strokes, when the spasms immediately ceased, and he recovered his reason. In a short time, he was seized with another, which was removed very much in the manner of the last, the instruments not being applied until a general convulsion had taken place. I then seated myself on his bed, that I might be enabled to apply the means more seasonably. Here 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, and at this time they continued not more than nine or ten hours from their first commencement, and about an hour and an half after the first application of the instruments. He further observes, that he has discovered none of that debility which had universally succeeded his former attacks, and continues to this day enjoying better health than usual.

THOMAS BACKUS, Physician.

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

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

Plainfield, August 9, 1796.

DOCTOR EBENEZER ROBINSON.

I HEREBY certify, that I have been acquainted with Doctor Perkins's method of removing pains and inflammations by pointed Metallic Instruments, for near a year: That I have frequently operated myself, and have generally had success in removing pains and inflammations of various kinds; among which, are pains of the head, burns, and rheumatisms,—that I

have full confidence in the efficacy of the means, and that it is a very valuable discovery.

EBENEZER ROBINSON.

Plainfield, August 10, 1796.

Windham County, August 16, 1796.

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

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

Member of the Medical Society.

* 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.

The following is a List of the Names and Places of abode of some who have the Transfers, and Patent Instruments for Sale.

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John Melcher, Esq. Portsmouth,	do.
Mr. John Greenleaf,	do.
Mr. Henry Ranlett, Exeter,	do.
Doctor Thaddeus M. Cartey, Keene,	do.
William Little, Esq. Boston, Massachusetts.	

Doctors Reed & Andrews, do. do.
 Mr. John Punchard, Salem, do.
 Doctor Phelps, Cape-Ann, do.
 Mr. Samuel Dana, Ipswich, do.
 Doctor Charles Coffin, Newburyport, do.
 Doctor Ebenezer Alden, Randolph, do.
 Rev. Doctor Robbins, Plymouth, do.
 Doctor Howland Dawes, Cummington, do.
 Rev. John Smith, Dighton, do.
 Doctor Joseph Trumbull, Petersham, do.
 Doctor Seth Field, Brookfield, do.
 Mr. John Ruggles, Berry, do.
 Doctor Thomas Babbit, Brookfield, do.
 Mr. Samuel Satterlee, Williamstown, do.
 Rev. Doctor Dean, Portland, Province of Maine.
 Rev. Mr. Kellogg, do. do.
 Rev. Thomas Motley, do. do.
 Rev. Alfred Johnson, Freeport, do.
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 Capt. William Ladd, Newport, do.
 Rev. Henry Wight, Bristol, do.
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 Dr. Dwell Morgan, Hartford, do.
 Dr. Samuel H. P. Lee, New-London, do.
 William S. Hart, Esq. Norwich, do.
 Daniel L. Coit, Esq. do. do.
 Dr. Lee, jun. Windham, do.
 Rev. Mr. Chase, Litchfield, do.
 Dr. Joseph Baker, Brooklyn, do.
 Dr. Jonathan Hall, Pomsret, do.
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