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Description

Description of a Parisian youth treated with injections and perforations to cure his deafness, p. 242.

Transcription

HEARING RESTORED TO A PATIENT
DEAF AND DUMB.

-- Paris. M. I[t]ard, physician to the [bussucion] of the Deaf and Dumb, has performed an operation on a youth named [Dietz], aged 15 years, who was deprived of the enjoyment of hearing and of speech.--The mode was by perforation of the ears. The first part of the operation was performed on the 2d of last July; the first injections were made four days afterwards; they began to pass by the mouth on the 12th. Young [Dietz], who before had been insensible to the report of a cannon, gave towards the end of the month signs of emotion, arising from vertigo, and dullness in his head. A few days afterwards he was capable of hearing speech. At this acquisition he could not restrain his joy; his eyes brightened and he seemed to have obtained a new source of delight. Several words were pronounced as lessons to him: these he repeated with tolerable facility. It was necessary to habituate him gradually to his new powers lest too strong and too numerous sensations should have done as much harm as mild and gentle impressions might do good. This fact was demonstrated when a musical instrument was first played before him, he was observed to tremble to turn pale, and was ready to faint in a moment; but quickly he experienced all the transports arising from a pleasure the intensity of which caused his checks to glow, his eyes sparkle, his pulse to rise, his respiration to quicken; and, in short which produced upon him a species of intoxication and delirium.

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