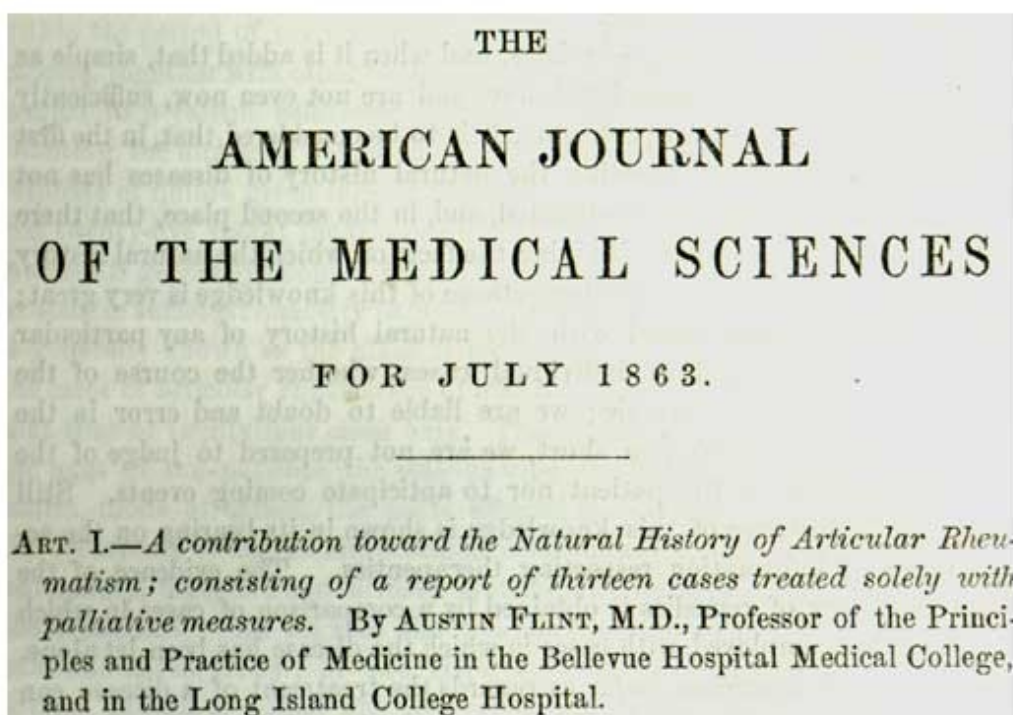


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Key passages

The reported cases were treated throughout the whole course of the disease with only palliative measures. These measures, as will be seen, consisted of opium in some form, given in small or moderate doses, the application generally of dry flannel to the affected joints, and the use of either the soap and opium liniment, camphorated oil, or the tincture of aconite. But to secure the moral effect of a remedy given specially for the disease, the patients were placed on the use of a placebo which consisted, in nearly all of the cases, of the tincture of quassia, very largely diluted. This was given regularly, and became well known in my wards as the *placeboic remedy* for rheumatism. The favourable progress of the cases was such as to secure for the remedy generally the entire confidence of the patients. I may add that all the cases were brought before the medical class in attendance during the winter.

