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## Words our patients use

'Wabbit'—lethargic and exhausted so that movement is almost impossible (Glasgow).

'He clemmed himself to death'—starved himself (Derbyshire).

'So and so has had a pull'—not been very well lately (Swansea).

'Mazy'—confused (North Staffordshire).

'I'm feeling kind of comical, doctor'—I am feeling peculiar (County Wicklow, Eire).

'Anguish'—used when describing a bruise. One says, 'It's the anguish coming out'; if the 'anguish' comes out, all is well. 'Anguish' can also refer to phlegm or a pain (Devon).

'He didn't need an operation, they just scaled it away'—medical treatment as opposed to surgical (East Riding).

'Gowl'—a gummy secretion in the eye (said in the OED to be obsolete except in dialect usage; South Yorkshire).



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