

13. It must not be assumed that a person is insensible as the result of drink merely because the breath smells of alcohol; frequently when people are feeling ill they take or are given alcoholic stimulants, after which they become insensible, not from the drink; but from the cause that induced them to take it, for example, insensibility coming on, effects of poisoning, etc. Even if drink is believed to be the actual cause of insensibility, it must be borne in mind that the patient is in a very dangerous state and he must be treated for collapse by being covered up and kept warm.

SHOCK, FAINTING (SYNCOPE), COLLAPSE.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS.

The general condition of shock may be recognised by extreme pallor, a feeling of cold, clammy skin, feeble pulse, and shallow breathing accompanied, if hæmorrhage has been severe, by yawning and sighing. The term "collapse" signifies a very serious condition in which the life of the patient is in the greatest danger, the temperature of the body falls below the normal,