

by the usual methods. We all are aware that individuals vary greatly in their physical capacity for the electric current, while outwardly there may be no manifest difference in temperament; therefore, we may conclude that the individual nervous organization, with its capacity to repel or welcome the medicated current, will largely determine the clinical results. For it must be constantly borne in mind that anæsthesia can only be produced after and by the influence of the current's passage through the tissue, accompanied by the proper agent. The simple application of the current and agent to the desired parts can avail nothing in themselves. The current and agent must absolutely pass through the tissue. When this takes place, even to the minute extent of a fractional mill, the dial will indicate the fact. Ordinarily the deflection of the needle will be immediate, but not always, for if the case in hand be one that so curiously repels the electrical fluid—through some unknown constitution of its own—then we may expect no movement of the needle. I find these cases the most difficult to anæsthetize, having consumed one hour and forty-five minutes in one instance in the removal of a pulp. The happiest result which I have recorded was complete anæsthesia of a pulp in seven and a half minutes, the period of application being usually ten to fifteen minutes in my experience—the time required for the relief of cavity sensitiveness being on an average about half that required for the pulp, and in some instances much less.

Much of the true science of this wonderful and humane treatment we have yet to learn. Serious and even discrediting results may develop, but at present we can with conscience recommend cataphoresis in your daily labors.

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