

In cases where this is not done, and the patient is suffering from thirst or nausea, I recommend the giving of copious draughts of hot water, sometimes with a little bicarbonate of soda dissolved in it; if there is retching this may be immediately vomited, but I do not hesitate to repeat the treatment, even though it may again come up, for in the majority of cases, if it does not totally alleviate the distress, it gives the patient great relief. Should vomiting persist, a little dry champagne and water is very often found to relieve the condition.

In spite of this and any other treatment that may suggest itself to you, if the patient is not relieved, small doses of calomel (1/10 gr.), combined with bicarbonate of soda, given every hour until a grain of calomel has been taken, will in the majority of cases have the desired effect. If it does not, after waiting a few hours, repeat the calomel in the same way.

Now, Mr. President, I would like to add a word of warning, that signs of danger and collapse may arise at any time from the induction period until the last drop of the anaesthetic is given; it, therefore, behooves the administrator to be mindful of the fact that during the administration of any anaesthetic eternal vigilance is the price of safety.

DIFFICULT DIAGNOSTIC QUESTIONS IN EVERY-DAY PRACTICE.

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There are three diseases which we meet in every-day experience which lead to doubt in our own minds, and in our patients' minds, and which are never definitely settled, and these are (1) Mild Febriculas of two or three weeks' duration, (2) Scarlet Fever, (3) Diphtheria.

We are constantly seeing cases which have as their symptoms the following:

Malaise and disinclination to work and to eat of a few days or a couple of weeks duration, usually without nausea or vomiting, with no marked abdominal signs as a rule; perhaps constipation of a degree more than normal is present and frequently signs of some colonic tenderness and a tendency to gas distention—but no rigidity.

Coryza may be slightly in evidence and occasionally bronchitic cough is present.