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FELL METHOD—FORCED RESPIRATION.

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(Continued.)

CASE XLIV.—DR. FELL.

While the description of an instrument may appear somewhat detailed, and indicate that the method in operation is somewhat difficult, such, in this instance, is not the case. All there is to forced respiration is the forcing of air under *suitable pressure and control* with *proper periodic intermission*, into the lungs. It can only be properly done with *suitable apparatus*. The simplicity of the method should give to the operation its widest range of usefulness; but, to become practically acquainted with it, one must see it and study it before he can understand it. With proper instruction, the members of a *life saving or a ship's crew* could be taught to utilize this valuable method of saving human life. I presume before the "conservative" (?) medical profession of America will utilize

this method, thousands of its members must have their attention *specially* called to cases of resuscitation through its employment. After the results obtained, this should not be required.

Another matter I may refer to at this time: I believe all will admit that the greatest credit which it is possible to obtain as the originator of a method of wide range of applicability in saving human life consists in the largeness of the list of lives saved by it, and the just appreciation of its value by your fellow-man. There is no higher aim that we as physicians can conceive, than that of preventing the vital spark from taking leave of the human organism. If this be true, it does appear unjust, unfair and unthankful that credit should be withheld from those who are entitled to it, and that the medical world, in any section, should use these methods without the greatest care in giving to those justly entitled to it the credit due them. In the mercantile world, dollars and cents "count;" in the medical profession, reputation only.

This is the only payment which the profession at present allows those who accomplish results of *value* in fields unexplored. Indirect financial benefit is not honest gain. On this account, therefore, the original labors of physicians should be