

She enjoyed company between paroxisms which were most severe, especially at night; she, however, could not bear light of any kind, and her room had to be constantly kept dark.

Her strength during remissions was such as to permit her to leave her bed. Even twelve hours previous to her death, she walked to the kitchen and warmed her feet by the stove.

These symptoms (besides another one of which I shall speak hereafter) to which she was subjected, were constant in character and intensity until the last. She died on the 29th of August. This fatal event took place most unexpectedly. After the most severe of all the paroxisms she had had, as she expressed herself, "it bored her brain through," she suddenly dropped as in a tranquil slumber, but it was her last; she was a corpse.

As to treatment, it was pursued most vigorously. Morphia in large doses, even to one grain in one instance, gave her but three hours sleep.

Hypodermic injections seemed to be more beneficial than when opium was taken by the stomach.

Hydrate of chloral in 30gr., and in two instances 40gr. doses seemed rather to excite the nerves than to quiet them. Five doses of quinine of 8 grs each, taken at intervals of five hours, brought considerable relief to her pain.

Ammoniated tincture of Lupuline was tried with no benefit. Chlorodyne could not be borne on the stomach. By the way, I may say that the first day I attended Mrs. C. in her last sickness, she had had nausea, for which I gave her 20 grs. of Ipecac which relieved her; she never vomited after.

Bromide of potassium in 20gr. doses seemed to have no effect whatever. External and local applications were not neglected. Mustard, chloroform, ether, veratria, aconite, bisulphide of carbon were all successively employed; so also cold and warm fomentations, but all these proved of very little benefit to her.

In order to give all the interest which this case deserves, I must present to the attention of the reader the incidents of the five years previous to her last illness.

As just said, five years ago (date being unknown) whilst raising her head from the stooping posture close to a door, she struck it on the latch. The result being a lesion on the left superior and anterior part of the scalp. As the injury was regarded of no moment, no medical man was called, and healing took place after five weeks with a small amount of suppuration.

About ten months after, she had three convulsions of an epileptic