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FELL METHOD—FORCED RESPIRATION.

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CASE XXIV.—Dr. FELL.

December 25, 1891, Mr. C., a resident of Niagara street, Buffalo, a man not habitually accustomed to drink, came under the influence of liquor under peculiar circumstances, and is said to have taken 2 oz. of laudanum. He was taken by the ambulance to the Fitch Hospital, and treated in the ordinary manner by the surgeons in attendance at the hospital, but with unsatisfactory results. The wife and brother-in-law were called about 11 p.m., and they were informed by the physicians in charge that there was no hope for the patient; that everything had been done that was possible to be done. At the urgent re-

quest of the wife of the patient, I was called about 11 p.m. I found the patient in a very precarious state, totally unconscious, and in danger of death supervening quickly.

I applied the forced respiration apparatus with favorable results. The cyanosis was overcome, and, after some four hours' work, the patient became conscious, respired for himself, and at 6.30 in the morning was taken to his home in the ambulance. A condition of stupor continued at his home for a number of days following the operation; he did not seem to improve as rapidly as was the custom, until he was taken to a neighbor's house, when it was noticed improvement was rapid. He had been placed on stimulating and supportive treatment, but with apparently very little success. It was noticed, however, that there was quite an escape of natural gas at the stove connection in the room in which he lived, and very much of this slow recovery must be attributed to this, as after the removal from the house he recovered very quickly, and on the leak in the pipe being repaired he was not further affected, and made a good recovery. This case illus-