

increase the circulation of the large intestines, and then closely followed by two-ounce doses twice a day of the infusion of ergot, prepared according to the British Pharmacopœia. Amenorrhœa in those who have only *changed* a few times, and in those of tender years, and amenorrhœa of chlorotic women, should have citrate of iron, spirits of ammonia, and tincture of nux vomica administered for three weeks in full doses, and the fourth week the patient shall be ordered hipbaths, and from one ounce to an ounce and a half doses of the infusion of ergot thrice daily.

In these cases, as in the parturient, vomiting is sometimes induced, being the direct effect of the drug upon the muscular coat of the stomach. Accordingly, to prevent this, I direct the albumen of an egg or some gruel to be partaken of before the medicine, and this invariably with good results.

*Hæmoptysis* I have frequently arrested for a time with ergot, with good effect in the commencement of phthisis; but I should not be disposed to prescribe it, lest vomiting should be set up in the hæmoptysis which sometimes accompanies the advanced stages of pulmonary consumption.

*Hæmaturia*.—I have found great benefits from the tonic effects of ergot upon the blood-vessels, in causing a diminution of their calibre, and arresting hemorrhage from the kidney. I can safely say that its effects are superior to either turpentine or the vegetable acids in this complaint, and the same observation applies to the tonic effect it produces on the muscular fibre of the bladder in those cases of general atony which come under our notice, and for which so little permanent good can be done.

*Constipation of the Paralytic* is strikingly remedied, when the most powerful cathartics fail, by occasional doses of ergot, which sensibly diminish the amount of blood present in the spinal cord and its membranes, give tone to the muscular fibre of the bowels, and thus propel the fecal matter to the rectum.

*Fatty Degeneration of the Heart*.—I have had, and still have, two patients suffering from this complaint, who are very materially assisted by occasional doses of ergot. I can only compare its tonic virtues to that of carbonate of ammonia, but as experience is limited, I cannot write emphatically.

*As an Injection in Gleet* I believe I have been the first to use the infusion of ergot and I have not yet failed. I employ the Pharmacopœia infusion, and direct its being injected three and four times in the day. I observe the tonic power it imparts to the urethra.

When the injection is thrown along the urethra, I direct the meatus urinarius to be firmly pressed against the nozzle of the syringe, so that the ergot may lie for five minutes in the urethra; for experiment has