

The respirator is never were more frequent than 44 per minute. Average about 30. In no case was there cyanosis or vomiting during the administration of the anesthetic. In one case there was muscular rigidity and tremor when the patient was recovering. Vomiting afterwards was absent in sixteen cases, was present slightly in five and was pretty severe in two. In comparing the results of these cases with over five hundred previous administrations with the Clover inhaler, not to speak of the cone, I believe that I have reason to say that hyoscine hydrobromate has power to lessen or prevent many of the disagreeable and dangerous effects of ether.

However, in conclusion, I wish to state that my experiments have been too few as yet to come to an absolute conclusion on the subject, but I think are sufficient to warrant its trial by experienced anesthetists, and I hope those who are present who are in the habit of giving ether will often use the drug and report the results.

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### HEMIPLEGIA COMPLICATING PREGNANCY.—REPORT OF A CASE.

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I cite the history of this case to again bring out the possibilities of certain complications of the pregnant state.

On November 29th, 1902, I was engaged to attend Mrs. P. age 42, during her approaching confinement, and in accordance with my usual custom, called to ascertain something of her past history and her present condition. She was the mother of nine children, five of whom are living, and had never experienced any difficulty in her previous confinements. Her weight was approximately two hundred. The abdominal walls were very much relaxed and pendulous. To add to her already ample proportions was an umbilical hernia of moderate size, which was kept in abeyance by an abdominal support.

About two weeks previous to my call patient had an apoplectic stroke, which affected the entire left side. While at breakfast she suddenly became aware of an inability to use the fingers of her left hand. Her tactile sense was impaired, and speech was defective for two days. The numbness of the left side remained for two months after labor. On inquiry I found that her father had had three strokes. At my first visit patient in-