

PREVENTION OF SICKNESS FROM CHLOROFORM.—A writer in the *British Medical Journal* proposes to prevent the frequent vomiting during and after the inhalation of chloroform by simply giving the patient a drink of a few drops of the anæsthetic in water, before commencing the inhalation. The experiment succeeded in eighteen out of twenty cases.

RUBBER WITHOUT SULPHUR.—A new preparation of dental rubber has recently been brought into notice, which is said to harden by the escape of the fumes of the bromine and iodine with which it is mixed. No sulphur is used in its preparation; it is not hardened by steam, but by dry heat; and its proprietors assert that it is far purer than the vulcanite, and has neither taste nor smell, and does not change color during the hardening process. It is known by the name of Dried or Iodized Rubber. It is made by adding to iodine one half its weight of bromine, the result being the proto-bromine of iodine, which when combined with rubber in the preparation of three ounces of the paste to a pound of the gum, produces a composition which will harden on being subjected to adry heat of 310° Fah. for one hour.

It is necessary in vulcanizing to use an oven made expressly for this compound. This oven consists of a cast-iron, cone shaped boiler, at least two inches thick in the bottom, with a heavy lid placed over it: no packing or screws being necessary, as dry heat is used. The weight of the lid resting on top of the oven is sufficient to confine the heat, which is generated by a small lamp placed under the apparatus.—*Amer. Jour. of Dent. Science.*

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