

SPASMODIC OR SPURIOUS CROUP.

This is not so dangerous as the inflammatory croup, it is the result of spasm of the muscles of the glottis, it comes on generally at night, has the Croupy inspirations, it returns in paroxysms, and in the intervals there are no unpleasant effects. It attacks delicate more frequently than healthy children. It may occur at any season of the year; it lasts but a few hours; during the fit the pulse is quick, but there is no puffing of the face; it is frequently excited by painful dentition or a deranged state of the stomach and bowels. There is at times great difficulty in distinguishing the spasmodic from the inflammatory Croup. The spasmodic attacks suddenly, there are intervals of ease which is not the case in the inflammatory, there is no phlegm about the mouth and the fit goes off suddenly.

TREATMENT.

This form will readily give way to the warm bath, followed by an emetic, after the operation of the emetic