

Catharsis should be at once promoted by the free use of *croton oil* (one or two drops in a little glycerine) or *elaterium* gr. $\frac{1}{4}$ to the dose. To secure free diaphoresis hot air or vapor baths will prove of the greatest advantage, while gr. $\frac{1}{4}$ doses of *pilocarpine*, administered hypodermically, is highly recommended. Hot normal salt solution should be given continuously by the rectum, and its subcutaneous administration will often-times prove of great value. Dry or wet cupping is especially beneficial in some cases.

The prevention of such a complication as this is the aim of every operating surgeon; and with due care, precaution and thorough preparatory treatment, it can in the great majority of cases be prevented. In the section on preparatory treatment at page 101, this question of prophylaxis is fully dealt with.