

recognized brand on the market. This is more satisfactory than trying to test it for yourself, and will stand you in better stead in a court of law.

The last point I will touch upon is in relation to the apparatus used in the administration, and I will at once state my preference for a Junker's Inhaler. This instrument is so arranged as to regulate the amount of chloroform taken at all times, it insures the admission of plenty of air and requires very little chloroform, it is a simple instrument, and would be safe in the hands of the most inexperienced; but any apparatus is dangerous if it leads the operator to think that by using it he may relax his personal attention to the patient.

In conclusion I would say that I consider everyone who administers chloroform should make himself aware of its dangers and should bear in mind the indications which announce these dangers. Every administration of chloroform is in itself a serious procedure and should only be undertaken with a feeling of responsibility, and with the consciousness that the life of the patient is in the hands of the administrator, and should occupy his constant and undivided attention.

An experienced and observant person will instinctively gather from numerous indications the approach of danger, and in the hands of such a person, the risks incident to the use of chloroform will be reduced to a minimum, but I do not believe that the danger factor can be wholly eliminated.

DISCUSSION.

DR. GRANT (acting chairman)—There is one point which has not been brought up to-day which is important in the administration of chloroform. Since the introduction of this agent by Professor Simpson, whom I knew well personally, we know the great advance that has been made in gynecological practice in the use of this material. I have been for many years using chloroform in obstetrical practice, and I wish to refer to one fact in connection with it, that is the cumulative effect of chloroform. For over twenty years I have steadily used it in practice, and the method I adopt is this—when the pains become strong and the case is well ad-