

the patient is obliged to sit in a constrained position, or else to place his head over a vessel, generally covering the mouth with a bag or large tube for inhaling the vapour: in one case excluding too much air; in the other, causing too much exertion. Having had under my care lately two patients, in whom it was necessary to avoid motion, and at the same time also permit the free access of air, I endeavoured to accomplish both these ends by constructing an apparatus as simple as it is cheap, and which may be made by the most ordinary workman: the tube is so arranged, as to admit of being placed at various inclinations, and may thus be easily accommodated to the position of the patient while in bed, or as he sits up, who, without the least effort, and remaining perfectly at ease, breathes the moist air surrounding him. The apparatus is placed on a table, for instance, by the bedside; the medicated or simple liquid is put into the boiler, and a small lamp set under; in a very short time a cloud of vapour issues from the fan of the tube, and is directed to the face of the patient.

In the case of children, it is exceedingly difficult to induce them to submit to the restraint necessary to hold an inhaler over the mouth; but there is no difficulty whatever in directing a stream of vapour to their faces. As this number of the *Journal* is taken up with matter of vital interest to the profession as a body, I am forced to be thus brief in my notice of the subject, and trust that the little sketch of the apparatus given will sufficiently explain its construction.

Mr. Pyper, of Yonge-street, has been at some pains to perfect the above instrument.

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## Correspondence.

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*Dr. Hamilton's (Scarborough) letter has been received. We thank him, for his good opinion and wishes, and only regret the circumstances which will prevent us from benefitting by his experience and well-known talents. We wish him a safe and pleasant journey to the land of his nativity, and many years of peaceful enjoyment among his kindred and friends—the well-earned reward of a long career of active exertion and professional usefulness.*

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