

of the officinal morphia solution (U.S.P.) with a drop or two of dilute hydrocyanic acid. The quickest and best results are obtained by abstention from all anodynes, except, perhaps, the bromides. Steer away from anodynes, but secure sleep by feeding the nervous system. In convalescence, nothing is better than hydrochloric acid, five to seven drops, largely diluted, before meals.

**On Surgical Operations during Pregnancy.** By Dr. Theophilus Parvin, Prof. Obstetrics Jeff. Med. College, Philadelphia.—My resident tells me that this woman is in the seventh month of pregnancy and she has an ununited fracture that invites an operation for its cure, and the chances are that such an operation would be successful. Well, now, should we operate? I would say no, not during the pregnancy. As a rule, I would advise you to defer all surgical operations that can be postponed until after pregnancy, and especially would I emphasize this rule with reference to all operations about the genital zone, and by this expression I do not mean merely the parts about the uterus and vagina, but I include also the mammary region. An operation for hemorrhoids during pregnancy would be very likely to cause abortion. The relation between the rectum and the genital organs is very close and intimate. So I would say that all operations of complaisance, operations that are not essential to the saving of life, should be postponed until after the labor. But let us suppose that instead of this simple fracture there was a sarcoma or a cancer of the arm; well, then, under such urgent circumstances, I would not hesitate to operate during pregnancy. So, also, would I operate on cancer of the breast or a cancer of the cervix itself, if it were progressing. It will sometimes happen that there will be some disease of the sexual organs, and in this term I include the breasts, which is making rapid progress during pregnancy and where you can see that the only hope of saving life, or at least of prolonging existence, is to be found in operative measures, and, in such cases, I would not hesitate to operate. I would not hesitate when there was a cancer of the cervix, if the progress was rapid, for even if it did produce an abortion, this