

ARTICLE XXIX.—*Cases of Alleged Poisoning.* By D. BERGIN, M.D.
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{The discrepancy between the testimony of Dr. Dickinson and that of the lay witnesses, upon many important points, is so great, that I have prepared the following resume of their testimony, in my opinion necessary to a thorough comprehension of the cases. The lay testimony was *first* received. I append also the letter of the Coroner, over the signature of Maria Howell, to "Hoyt," of Syracuse, U. S., together with the answer thereto, and the Directions for taking the Medicine, sent therewith.)

William S. Wood, deposed:—I live in the house next to that occupied during their lives, by the deceased. They bore to me respectively, the relation of mother-in-law and sister-in-law. I saw the deceased about 5 p.m. of the day in which they were seized, neither of them appeared unwell. About 8 p.m., I passed their house and saw Sarah leaning with her arms upon the fence. When within about 15 or 30 feet from her, I asked what she was doing. She replied, very sick, in a very low voice, she then appeared to faint, and fell. I took her up and attempted to revive her, then called to my assistance Mrs. Forbes who lived in the next house. We together carried her to the door step. Mrs. Forbes sprinkled water over her face, but without any beneficial effect. I next sought my wife. I found her in bed, awakened her and brought her with me to assist her sister. We then awakened the mother, the deceased Mrs. Anne Jordan, who was asleep in bed, and told her that Sarah was ill. I then immediately went after Dr. Dickinson. Sarah *did not* complain of *pain* anywhere or give any indication of it. She never spoke again after fainting. Sarah did not vomit until after Dr. Dickinson gave her an emetic. What the vomited matter was like, I cannot say as I paid no particular attention to that, at the time. She was quite unconscious from the time I picked her up, did not seem to be at all benefitted by the Doctor's treatment. He remained perhaps between two or three hours at his first visit, he did not return until the next morning. He said that from appearances, he thought Sarah was laboring under the effects of Poison. Dr. Rattery was called in, the morning after Dr. Dickinson left, he *did not think* that it was a case of Poisoning. Anne Jordan was taken ill while I was absent in search of Dr. Dickinson. Sarah died about 2 a.m. on Friday morning; her mother about 7 p.m. on Sunday following. About the end of the month of July last, at the request of Sarah, I went to the Grand Trunk Station for a Box, which she said, I would find there addressed to me. I obtained the box and