

one, when I found her with a pulse 80, *very weak and compressible, insensibility perfect*, pupils dilated, capillary circulation very languid, no ster-tor, but respiration performed with a constant moan; feet and hands cold, bowels not yet acted upon. Croton oil to be repeated, to have the head shaved, sinapism to the legs, and to apply hot bottles to the spine and feet. My impression at this first view of the case was most unfavourable. At half-past three we met again, and found things going from bad to worse. Pulse just perceptible, hands and feet deathly cold and covered with a cold clammy sweat, respiration twelve in the minute, with mucous râle, coma complete, eye fixed, apparently dying, and so we informed the friends, promising that extraordinary recoveries did sometimes take place, but that we could hold out no hope. Being urged by her husband to leave nothing untried which might tend to her recovery, we determined (more with a view to gratify him, than with any well defined hopes of deriving benefit from the remedy) to administer an enema containing about one oz. of turpentine, which was done immediately, and we then sat down to wait the fatal event which we looked for momentarily, the hand being at this time not only icy cold but nearly black, while *no pulse* at the wrist could be felt. The enema was retained, and on examining the wrist in about half an hour, I perceived not only that the skin was not so death-like, but that I could also feel an indistinct thread-like pulsation of the artery; in fact there was an attempt at reaction, excited, no doubt, by the turpentine.

5 P. M. There being at this time a still further improvement both in the skin and pulse, we determined to repeat the enema, deglutition being impossible.

8 P. M. Upon entering the room at this hour, my surprise may be imagined, but cannot be described, at seeing my patient extend her hand to me and to hear her exclaim, "Ah, Dr., I am glad to see you!" Her consciousness is perfect, has no pain in her head, pulse still weak, but quite distinct and regular; breathing natural, bowels moved twice, remembers nothing but her refusal to be cupped. To have some gruel, and to be kept very quiet.

February 5.—Convalescing—to have beef tea; makes no complaint.

February 6.—Much in the same state as yesterday.

February 7.—9 P. M. Complains of nothing but a slight cough, which annoys her.

February 7.—11 P. M. Was called at this hour, and found that an hour previous she had begun to complain of severe headache, which gradually increased. Having requested Dr. Russell's attendance we found her partially insensible, though she could be roused to answer questions; pupils somewhat dilated, pulse very weak. To have pounded