

country. Found her suffering extensively from pain in the region of inferior dental nerve, extending down into shoulder and arm. Administered infusion of ergot in tablespoonful doses at intervals of an hour. Relief partial at end of four hours, complete at end of twelve.

Case 3. Mrs. D., age about 35; attacked Jan. 4th, 1869, with tic in left side of face, extending downward and upward into the temple. Administered ergot as in above cases, with similar results.

So far we have used ergot of rye in no case of neuralgia where it has not had the desired effect. It was suggested to us by an article in your excellent journal of Nov. 7th, 1868. We report these cases, thinking that such statements may induce others of the profession to more thoroughly test the remedy.

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A SOLID STETHOSCOPE.

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The following simple stethoscope has been used by me for some time past, with the most happy results.

I selected a piece of hard wood twenty inches long, cut in the direction of the grain, and two inches in diameter. At a point six inches from one end I placed a band of iron. Then the long end was introduced into a steam chamber. When sufficiently steamed, it was divided in the centre down to the iron band. The two pieces thus separated at a point five inches from the band, were bent in the shape of an ordinary stethoscope. At a point four inches from the band, a second band was secured with a key, so that the ear-pieces can be contracted or expanded.

The advantages of this simple stethoscope are, that the sound is transmitted through the solid wood and continuous fibres more audibly than by any other means; and, secondly, the cheapness at which it can be afforded.

The shape and size may be according to individual taste. Some kind of soft wood, for instance pine, if it can be bent, might answer a better purpose than hard wood.—*Philadelphia Medical and Surgical Reporter.*