

vapor of the bromide of ethyl, the heart is found, directly after death, with blood on both sides and free of vascular congestion. The color of the blood on each side is natural, and the lungs are left charged, without being surcharged, with blood. The coagulation of the blood is natural. The heart retains its irritability for as long a period of time as after death from methylic ether.

Mr. Nunneley's favorable opinion on the action of hydrobromic ether is therefore confirmed in respect to essentials, but I am not thereupon inclined to suggest that it should be employed in place of other and better known anæsthetics. For, irrespectively of the trouble and cost of making the ether, it has certain faults which are opposed to its general employment. It causes irritation of the throat in some cases, and occasionally vomiting, added to these objections, the fluid easily undergoes change on exposure to the air, with liberation of free bromide, when it becomes difficult, if not dangerous, to inhale.—*Medical and Surgical Reporter.*

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THE SOCIAL EVIL.—Men sprinkle prostitution with rose-water and call it the Social Evil. This is a better title under which to invoke legislation. It keeps persons off the scent. In England, "Contagious Diseases Act" served the same purpose. Such was the title of the law smuggled through Parliament "to improve the health of the Army and Navy." A year or two after its passage people woke up to find they had licensed prostitution in certain districts. Then came opposition and a cry for repeal on the one side, and an effort on the other side to extend the law over the entire kingdom. Associations were organized for both purposes. Opposition has gained ground, and last year six hundred thousand signers protested against the law. The law has been transplanted to America—to St. Louis, nowhere else, as yet. Now comes an effort to apply it to San Francisco. Its friends allege that it has succeeded elsewhere. Its enemies insist that the success is on the surface, and that it has driven the evil out of public view only, and into clandestine retreats, where it is more dangerous to society. Many good people are ranged on both sides. With the enemies of the law, the stumbling-block is the principle of licensing, and thus sanctioning, prostitution. The moral sense of the American people is inflex-