

respiration and its ability to relieve cough and promote excretion of secretory products, it manifests a decided effect upon the dyspnea.

I regard the influence of Heroin on the night sweats as second only in importance to its influence as a sedative for the cough. In the cases cited its quality as an adjuvant to the ordinary remedies in checking the sweats is well marked. In six other cases favorable results were obtained in either checking or markedly decreasing the sweat by the administration of Heroin in conjunction with one or another of the ordinary anhydrotics. Its action in this particular is best appreciated after meeting failure in using the ordinary agents alone.

The cases of tubercular laryngitis mentioned are typical of its action as an analgesic in the treatment of the painful throats of this affection. In these cases it afforded considerable relief from pain for periods of about one to two hours following the administration of the pill.

In regard to its influence on respiration, I have carefully noted 19 cases, and have found that in each case the mean respiration a. m. and p. m. has been reduced from two to five, and in some cases as high as seven per minute.

No action in the intestines was observed, except, perhaps, a slight tendency to constipate if given in larger doses than one twelfth grain. Of this, however, I will not be certain, as in the great majority of cases this action was not apparent. In some cases it has been noticed to cause a disturbance of the stomach. One patient complained that the drug caused considerable nausea shortly after taking, while with others the disturbance can best be described by using a term applied by a patient to the condition of his stomach after taking Heroin—"squeamish." One complained of complete loss of appetite whenever he took the drug. In all, some disturbance was noted in five cases out of upwards of 70 patients taking the drug. I should add however, that two of those who complained of disturbance of the stomach while taking Heroin were later able to use it without noticing any ill effects. Another, and, in my opinion, the only real objection to Heroin, is that in certain cases the larger dose of one-sixth grain was found to cause a feeling of heaviness during the day. To quote a patient, "I feel heavy and as though I want to sleep, but if I tried to do so I find that I cannot." This was observed in four cases. The drug did not in any instance produce this effect when given in the smaller dose. But the chief use to which Heroin can be put is as a sedative for the cough and to prevent the distressing