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ART. XXIV.—*Case of Cerebral Disease accompanied by Anomalous and Fatal Symptoms.* By JAMES SEWELL, M. D., Physician to the Hotel Dieu, Quebec, &c.

THE following case presents many points of pathological interest, and I confess myself much puzzled to explain the symptoms, and therefore send it to the profession without comment.

CASE—A. B., aged 50, of sober habits, complained on Monday, February 3rd, of much pain of head, which she referred principally to the occipital region, and upper and back part of neck. She, however, continued to attend all this day to her household affairs, slept but little that night, and on the morning of the 4th, complaining still of headache, did not rise at her usual hour, but did so at 10 A. M., with the intention of fulfilling her ordinary duties. In about an hour she felt worse, complained of nausea, vomited slightly, and almost immediately became insensible, when the nearest physician (D. J. P. Russell,) was called in, who found her in the following state: insensibility complete, pulse full and slow, beating 45 in the minute; respiration corresponding with the circulation, noisy but not stertorous. Pupils dilated and insensible to light, bowels not moved since previous day, but had passed water freely in the morning. Dr. R. ordered three drops of croton oil, enveloped the head in pounded ice, and returned home for his cupping case. He was absent but for a few minutes, and on coming back, found her much in the same state, but while preparing his instruments, to his surprise, she suddenly became aroused up and remonstrated violently and positively against being cupped, and then requested to see me. This occurred at half-past twelve, and I saw her in consultation with Dr. R. at half-past