

of cold water, 7 1-10 per cent. of relapses, with two deaths; after the introduction, 9 8-10 per cent., with ten deaths.—*N.Y. Med. Record.*

Codeia as a Sedative.—In phthisis it allays cough without disturbing the digestive system; and, in the other class of cases, I have found it tolerated when opium and morphia were not. As an instance of the latter, I may quote the case of a medical friend, a member of a gouty family, a frequent sufferer from migraine and derangement of the liver, as well as aware of his intolerance of preparations of opium. He complained of a troublesome cough, depending on slight catarrh of the trachea and bronchi, and, at my suggestion, tried codeia, with all the benefit and none of the ill effects of opium. I prescribed the drug in doses of a grain, dissolved in syrup of tolu. The French medical papers constantly contain advertisements of codeia syrup, and probably it is well known as a cough tincture in this country; but I was not aware, and others may have been as ignorant as I was, that it has those advantages over the preparations of opium and its other alkaloids. I, therefore, venture to call attention to it. Its value in diabetes is, of course, fully recognized.—*Brit. Med. Jour.*

A New Modification of the Shot-bag for Compressing Arteries.—Dr. A., F. Sawyer of San Francisco, describes a modification of the shot-bag, which he considers has certain advantages over the methods of compression in ordinary use. It consists of a strong canvas bag three inches in diameter by two and a half feet long, the lower extremity closed by a hollow caoutchouc ball two and one-half inches in diameter, the bag being capable of containing twenty-five pounds of fine bird-shot. The apparatus is suspended from the ceiling in the usual manner, a strip of soft buckskin being placed over the skin to guard against chafing. In the case in which the apparatus was tested, its pressure was well-borne, although digital and various instrumental pressures were impossible. The application was continued for six hours and ten minutes, when all sensation in the tumor (popliteal aneurism)