

objection to this routine administration of morphia before operation is that it interferes with the pupil of the eye, and consequently makes more difficult the administration of the anæsthetic.

For at least twelve hours after operation, the stomach must have absolute rest. The *rational* of this is readily recognized, when we remember that the gastro-intestinal tract, during this time, is playing its part in the elimination of toxic elements produced by the narcosis. There is usually, however, no contra-indication to the administration of a teaspoonful or two of hot water at frequent intervals. This is exceedingly grateful to the patient, and moreover, may assist in quelling the nausea by its diluent action on the offensive material already in the stomach.

If after a few hours there is no improvement, it is well to make a definite attempt to control the nausea by medication. *Tincture of capsicum* in three or four minim doses given in a teaspoonful of hot water, is sometimes beneficial. *Spirits of chloroform* given at frequent intervals in the same manner, will often have a good effect. *Sub-nitrate of bismuth* with *cerium oxalate* in small doses frequently repeated, has worked well in many cases. *Iced champagne* is one of the most effective of remedies, and on many occasions I have found it invaluable. It is best to administer it in two dram doses every hour until effectual.

The medication which in many instances may be thoroughly relied on to give the best results is *dilute hydrocyanic acid*. It may be given in the following form:

R Acid hydrocyanic dil. . . . . 1 dram

Aq. Laurocerasi ad. . . . . 2 ounces

Sig. Thirty minims every half hour until stomach  
is settled.

*Cocaine* in the two per cent. solution in a ten to twenty