

10th.—While evacuating his bowels this morning, the bullet passed *per anum* to his great delight and astonishment, and in two weeks' time he was able to be about and attend to business.

ON THE EXHIBITION OF CHLOROFORM.

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A few observations from the leaves of my experience in regard to this subject may not, I hope, be uninteresting to the readers of the CANADA LANCET.

In administering Chloroform, it is of course important to see that no article of clothing constricts the neck or prevents free expansion of the chest, while we direct the patient at the same time to assume the supine or reclining posture. I once saw a surgeon give it to a person sitting astride a chair and leaning his chest against its back. It was not long before respiration ceased, and it was with difficulty re-established.

It is well also to assure the patient that there is little or no danger, and that he will bear it all the better if he does not get nervous or frightened. I generally direct him to take long deep breaths through the mouth, and to close his eyes in order to prevent irritation of the conjunctivæ. By breathing through the mouth I think one gets less of the choking, smothering sensation, because of the sensitive powers of the nasal organ not being called so much into play. To ensure a speedy and pleasant effect it is necessary not to push it too much at the start, especially if our patient is afraid, and it is his first inhalation. Under such circumstances, undue haste will only cause alarm, and lead to the use of more resistance than will be either agreeable or safe to ourselves. Sometimes a patient will struggle to remove the towel from the face in order to clear the mouth of mucus and saliva. This it is well to allow, and then he will quietly permit you to replace it. At other times I have found that when the continual presence of the chloroform close to the mouth is resisted, its removal during *expiration* will ensure a quiet and full inspiration, during which it may be brought near again. After a few inhalations there will be sufficient insensibility to admit its free exhibition.