

I gave daily a few grains of quinine, guided by the observation that the fever in these individual instances was in proportion to the local disease.

I am afraid, dear Mr. Clapton, I have taken up too much of your valuable time by giving you so long an account. Make what use of it you think proper, and shorten it as you please, only let the fact be known.

I am, &c.,

DR. TAUSSIG.

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ON A CASE OF POISONING BY ARSENIC.

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In cases of death from arsenic, what evidence can a post-mortem examination and analysis afford, either as to the probable quantity taken, or the period that may have afterwards elapsed before death took place?

The following are the particulars of a case I have lately been retained in, suggestive of the above inquiry. Charlotte P——, of Crowle, in Lincolnshire, a married woman, between thirty-five and forty years of age, died suddenly. At the inquest, the evidence was, that a neighbor saw her in her own house about five o'clock in the afternoon previous to her death, sitting by the fire-side. She appeared to be ailing. The witness asked her what was the matter, but the deceased was unwilling to say much, and only replied "she didn't know." Soon afterwards the witness left her. The next morning, about six o'clock, deceased's husband called her into his house, when she found his wife had died. The husband, a laborer, on being examined, said that he had been out drinking; that when he got home it was late, and he found his wife in bed and ill. He said he was drunk, but he got her some tea, and directly she took it she was sick, and vomited. She vomited twice.* She got out of bed, and was seized with cramp in the legs, and got back into bed. She asked him to lift her in; whilst doing so she kissed him, and said it would be the last time he would ever have to do it for her. He went to sleep. About five o'clock when he woke, he found his wife dead. He had no one to assist him with his wife during the night. No evidence could be obtained of any poison having been bought by, or seen in the

* The vomit had been thrown away, and was not to be recovered when I inquired for it afterwards.