

into the Lying-in-Hospitals of the city, failing which she was brought to the Montreal General, about 5 o'clock on the evening of the 2nd of January.

The husband stated that she had about a *hundred* fits since nine o'clock of the morning previous, which does not require the ordinary *granum salis*, as the doctor himself thought the statement no exaggeration. The husband further informed me in regard to the history of the case, that his wife had often told him that when a girl of twelve she was attacked with what was called in her neighborhood in England, the "minute fits," a term new to me, and consequently I cannot say whether it was true epilepsy or some hysterical attack. The fact of her recovering so rapidly, as she had them only for a short time, is opposed to the former supposition. She has always enjoyed good health, but since coming to this country about a year since, owing to their reduced circumstances, she has fretted a great deal, and at times could not obtain the strong and wholesome food she had been accustomed to. As a consequence she had latterly become very thin and pale, but excepting during the first three months of her pregnancy, when she suffered from very great irritability of the stomach, she has never found her child-bearing more than an inconvenience; her husband never heard her complain, or make the slightest reference to it. The morning she took ill she appeared to be as well as usual, and had not been excited or disturbed mentally in any way.

On admission to the Hospital her condition was much as follows:—Countenance drawn and livid; pupils slightly dilated; pulse 140, thready and somewhat intermitting; extremities cold; no marked heat of head: was deeply insensible; swallowed with difficulty. Dr. Chipman, who received her, immediately ordered a tablespoonful of brandy every half hour, and on coming in myself I supplemented this with a grain of opium, and 40 grains of the bromide of potassium, in powders, every four hours. On examining per vaginam I found the os uteri dilated to the size of a quarter