

two or three slight ones occurred, while the patient was thus allowed out. At this time a change was made in the treatment—that is in the autumn of 1883. The patient was placed on one drop of a one per cent. solution of nitro glycerine in a teaspoonful of water, 3 times a day after meals. Bromide of soda was now given instead of potash, in a 20 grain dose, morning and evening. The nitro glycerine was increased gradually, till in six months, five drops were taken. Within six months of commencing the nitro glycerine there was evidence of its doing good; the frequency of the attacks were diminished, two months elapsing between attacks, and their severity was less. Twice four months elapsed during 1888 and 1889 without a fit, and the patient and her friends were most hopeful. But in 1890 the attacks were more frequent, and the patient was discouraged. Still the nitro glycerine was continued, and once more in 1891 the attacks, though hardly less frequent, were certainly again less severe, and she seldom had more than one fit on the same day. During the time intervening between 1892 and 1897, the bromide of soda was discontinued, and a mixture of bromide of potash and sodium, with bicarbonate of potash and tincture of columba substituted. The nitro glycerine was continued at intervals, though not regularly, as the patient's stomach began to rebel and show a certain amount of irritation. In November, 1897, my attention was accidentally drawn to the benefit said to be derived in this disease from a pill of the hydrocyanate of iron, manufactured by the Tilden Company of New Lebanon, N. Y. I sent for some literature on this subject, and in January of 1898, I placed the patient on this pill, the composition of which I have already given.

Within four months from commencing this remedy, a decided improvement was noticed. The patient had, during this time only two attacks, and they were decidedly less severe, the epileptic sleep was much shorter, and the patient regained her faculties sooner. The pills were, during the last six months of 1898, increased to six daily, during which time only three fits occurred, with occasional attacks of *petit mal*. In 1899 she was placed on the double