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The use of lukewarm water as the sole anaesthetic in operations for appendicitis at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Baltimore, reported in The Times, was declared by surgeons here to be quite possible and in line with the use of water anaesthetic, first tried in this city years ago.

One surgeon who has performed successfully more than 5,000 operations with no other anaesthetic than an injection of water into the skin, declared, however, that the use of this simplest of all anaesthetics would probably never come into general use, and that, while it was applicable in many major abdominal operations. It was not applicable in a majority of such cases, especially where inflammation or an abscess had formed.

As long ago as 1855 Dr. J. Leonard Corning of this city, pointed out in his book of "Local Anaesthesia," the value of heating the anaesthesia before injecting it. The use of water as an anaestheic in a certain class of operations was explained by Dr. Samuel G. Gant in a paper before the Medical Association of the city in 1903. Dr. Gant mentioned Burney, Yeo, and Griffith, of England, as among the pioneers to suggest in 1868 the relief of pain by the subcutaneous injection of water.

The theory on which water so used is believed to act according to Dr. Gant, is that the water provides a pressure of the nerve ending, which blocks all sensation or pain so long as the water continues unabsorbed or unscattered. Dr. Gant said recently he had found that any other flued that gave pressure and was not absorbed would have the same anaesthetic effect. The method was applicable, he said, in nearly all skin operation, and he had tried it successfully in some operations for laparotomy, colostomy and appendicostomy all of which necessitate the opening of the abdomen.

"Water anaesthesia, however, is no good at all for operations wher: an abscess has formed or inflammation sets in, as, for example, in cancer or in case of a ruptured appendix" said Dr. Gant. "To be successful, the water anaesthesia much to peration as I have mentioned

the whole part where the operation is to be made, and in the majority of such abdominal operations as I have mentioned there is in the first place, uncertainty as to where to operate, and in the second place the stissues refuse to hold the water and allow it instead to scatter."

Dr. Gant, at the last meeting of the Maryland Medical Society, read a paper telling of some 2,000 skin and muscle operations he had performed with water anaesthesia in the last eight or ten years, and it is thought he may have suggested the most recent application of water anaesthesia now reported in operations for appendicitis at Johns Hopkins.

THE KING AND THE TAR

How The Seaman Became An Understudy.

The manager of a third-rate theatrical touring company was desperate. At the critical moment the baggage man, who undertook the walking-on parts, was missing, and there was none to take his place The small town was searched for an understudy, and at last an ex-seanar, who was glad of any berth, was unsarthed. The manager told him he would give him a handsome salary provided that in time he acquitted himself satisfactorily in the part in question. He had one line to ray.

Thus encouraged, the hopeful tar schearsed his one line until he was word perfect.

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He had been at sea in terrible gales, but had never known fear till in trimor clad he stood at the "wings" and waited for his cue. How his least beat and how terribly nerrous he was, when he faced the footlights! Sis throat went dry and his voice seemed to fall him. But he had a sepreme effort, and standard out:

"Me lord — me king! me can me. I

"that's wol

D. J. BRUCE DIES FROM WOUND

Dr. W. W. Doherty Stabs Him in the Eye with Umbrella Penetrating Brain.

The community are slowly recovering from the severe blow sustained in the tragic death of Mr. D. J. Bruce, who died early on Friday morning, as the result of a blow struck him by Dr. W. W.

From information received it appears that Dr. deceased, on Thursday afternoon, into a store to s, him and there stabbed him in the eye with his umbrang at t same time, "There, take that, Bruce." The injured man was immed ng at the intely rushed to the Hotel Dieu Hospital, where he was attended by Dr. Lunam. The wound did not appear serious at first and he was removed home in the evening; but unfortunately, he never regained consciousness and died on Friday morning at 6 o'clock. Immediately after the occurence, Dr. Doherty was arrested by Chief Hughes and lodged in the lock up, bail being refused.

It is impossible to get the facts leading up to the scapbing, but it is supposed to have started in a political argument, deceased being a growthout conservative while Dr. Doherty is a liberal. It is said that Dr. Doherty is a north. It is said that the doctor who street deceased as above. It is also said that the Dr. Doherty of selling liquor contrary to the local option law, and this highly towensed the doctor who street deceased as above. It is also said that the Doherty was somewhat under the influence of liquor

Mr. Bruce was a native of Prince Edward Island and came to Campbellton sixteen years ago, and conducted a gents' furnishing store, occupying a handsome block on Water Street. He was twice married, his second wife, who, with two children, survive him, was a Miss McKinnon of New Mills. He also leaves to mourn his loss, a brother in California and a sister in Rhode Island.

Mr. Bruce was one of our most respected citizens and was looked up to and honored by all classes. For many years he has been a devoted worker in St. Andrews' Presbyterian church, and an earnest member of the session, and as a devoted husband and father, had the great joy of a perfect

From many sorrowing hearts and from the whole community their prayers and tender sympathy are extended to the gatef-stricken family, but who yet rejoice in the fact that the fife, so suddenly shoutened, was spent in the service of God and to the benefit of his fatious. The function will probably take place on blanday.

The fury then proceeded to the home of deceased to view the

Opon returning the following witnesses were examined:

DR. LUNAM, M. D.—I am practising medicine in Camp'
Have a New Branswick license. I saw deceased at about when at the hospital on the 21st. When I moved coth from face I noticed he had a cut on the upper lid of lest eye, the whole eye, eye and lid, were swoften and bleeding, which showed that the injury was recent. Would say perhaps a raif hour. I raised the lid of the eye and saw that whatever had caused the external wound had caused the internal wound, the ball having also been pierced. That was all I saw. I did not probe. I washed the eye. Did not notice any substance of the eye ball escaped. Deceased was sitting in chair when I dressed wound. Was full conscious. Saw him again at 8.45 same day. I was called to his house. He was absolutely unconscious. Swelling was no larger. I could not avalous it to the conscious. Same day. I was called to his house. He was absolutely unconscious. Swelling was no larger. I could not explain it any other way than that the instrument which penetrated the eye had penetrated through the skull and ruptured some blood vessel, which formed a clot on the brain substance which would cause unconsciousness. The external wound in itself was not serious. A clot might be formed by a blow. In my opinion the cause of death was a clot of blood formed on the brain, caused by the perfection of the eye and extending in to the brain and rupturing a blood vessel. Could not swear that death resulted from this. When I saw him at his residence at 8.45, I called in Dr. Pinault in consultation. We agreed that there was a clot pressing upon the substance of the brain which caused unconsciousness, and we did what we saw fit.

A. E. G. McKenzie upon whose request was deceased re-

moved from hospital to h

and he himself asked to be removed to

Ans.—Ris wife was in home and I gave pern

head for any other woundsi

Coroner - Pid you ex: Yes, I examined deceased fast found no other wound.

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VERDICT IN BRUCE CASE

At the adjourned court held in Asker building on Friday evening eluded, the jary returned be full wing vardies, That the said in the town of Campbellton P limitally the 21st day of Sep-suber b. a clowfrom an umbrella-in the hands of Dr W W Doherty

The secent announcement that Lord woverhampton has achieved considerable distinction in the musical world by composing several tuneful music and plays only by ear, reminds one of the accomplishments of Lord Kinnouli, who plays both organ and plane beautifully, and composes and sings well. It was he who composed the hymn that was sung by the choir on the occasion of his marriage in 1903. Lady Kinnoull, by the way, is an expert violinist. Then there are Lord Tollemache, who is a good 'cellist, and Lord Shaftesbury, who possesses a magnificent tener voice which is often heard in church, and which once led an enterprising American impresario to offer his lordship \$150,000 to go on a concert tour through the Vuited States.

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