

occasionally becoming unable to stand during the nerve explosion, he was seized gradually with tonic spasms of his thumb muscles, sometimes on one side, sometimes on both sides. This state of spasms would extend to the whole arm and occasionally to the whole of one side, when he would be unable to stand. No exact cause of the condition could be stated, though it was attributed to a blow on the head received many years previously. He denied syphilis, and iodide of potassium in 30 grain daily allowance had but little effect, unless it slightly lessened the tonic contractions.

With regard to midwifery, I consider chloroform and the judicious use of the A.M.C. tablet as better aids than instrumental interference while of course I do not deny the necessity for the use of forceps on occasion. It may astonish some of your readers to know that in seven years I have used forceps only three times and am not at all ashamed of my record as an obstetrician. Of course I have performed internal version also and once had to undertake Caesarian section for contracted pelvis, two other medical men assisting; but this last operation was "un dernier ressort" and the patient died. I am quite certain that I would never teach a student to use forceps very often, but that, where the patient's condition as shown by the state of the pulse justified it, and under certain special conditions requiring haste, the use of forceps would be the lesser of two evils and should therefore be chosen. Out of five eclamptics, two six-months primiparae, in one of which premature delivery was effected, died and the other three recovered. Of these three one was a primipara and the other two multiparae. I have used chloroform, pilocarpin, and eliminative treatment in all these cases, but have never yet had an eclamptic or used veratrin. Regarding eclampsia as a general auto-toxaemia in which all the digestive and excretory organs are involved, I think it should be the general practitioner's ambition to so educate his patients in elimination and watchfulness that eclampsia should be of the rarest possible occurrence. After securing as perfect drainage of the body as possible the pregnant woman should be carefully instructed as to the principles of dieting. Every pregnant woman ought to have her urine frequently ex-