

slight, and the temperature and pulse were normal, the symptoms were attributed to cold, and *sod. salicylat.* was prescribed. On the 27th, the stiffness had extended to the chest, making the breathing somewhat difficult—the jaws were stiff, the mouth was opened with difficulty and it was hard to swallow. The temp. was 99°, pulse 80. He was lively and bright and did not feel ill, but complained of being stiff and rigid in head, neck, mouth, shoulders and chest. Diagnosis of probable tetanus was made, and *chloral. hydrat. grs. x* prescribed. On the 28th, the temperature and pulse rose, the stiffness was less marked in neck, shoulders and chest, but had spread to the pelvis, hips and thighs; he was beginning to feel sick. On the 29th the temperature had risen to 103, pulse 120, respiration 40. Dr. Bell saw the case with me in consultation and confirmed the diagnosis of tetanus. The patient was then rigid over the whole body; the arms and legs were fixed; any attempt to move him in bed, rearrange his pillows or turn his head brought on agonizing spasms, which brought out great beads of perspiration on face and body. His mouth could, with difficulty, be forced open enough to give his medicine and a little liquid fluid. The treatment we decided upon was *chloral hydrat. grs. x 4 q. h.* alternating with *tinct. op. m. v. x.—4 q. h.*; milk, meat-juice and stimulants freely. A trained nurse was obtained, and a careful record kept of the case. It would be tedious and unprofitable to go over the daily record with its many ups and downs; suffice it to say that the *chloral* was given from day to day in sufficient dose to control spasm and secure sleep. For the first two weeks, from 60 to 90 grains were required daily; the dose was diminished as soon as possible—but it could not be discontinued altogether till August 7th. On several occasions when the dose was reduced or omitted, even after convalescence was well advanced, the spasms returned with violence and very nearly proved fatal. The opium relieved pain, but did not seem to have much effect on the spasms; the dose was therefore regulated according to the severity of the pain. Whiskey was