

asleep in the hall outside the room. On awakening from a nap, I noticed a disarray in the room, and on enquiry found she had been out of bed, to use the chamber. On stooping to open the washstand door, she had struck the eyebrow, immediately above the operated eye, a heavy blow against the corner of the washstand. It was a miracle the ball was not emptied of its contents. I then took strong measures and tied her to the bed with ropes, winding them around bed and body. She was a constant worry until her friends removed her home. Strange to say, after going through all this her vision was 20/50 !!

I have had one death from cataract extraction. It was in an aged Mennonite, in the Canadian Northwest. It occurs rarely and is preceded by delirium, and when this occurs, instant action is necessary, if life is to be saved. All bandages should be cast off and the patient gotten up and out of doors at once. Free exposure to light and air are imperative. The operative results will be nil but life may be saved.

Cocaine should not be used too freely. One of my earlier cases had a very patent canaliculus. The cocaine ran down the tear duct to the throat, affected the palate and caused retching, reopening the wound, with infection and suppuration, and the result was a shrunk and useless eyeball. I received some of my gray hairs in quieting down that eye.

Long-range doctoring of cataract cases is false economy and bad practice. To remove a cataract and leave the care of the eye to an inexperienced man is risky, and often ends in disaster.

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#### WHOOPIING COUGH.

Mehnert (*Jah. fur Kinder.*) contributes from Cape Colony an article on "Intercurrent Vaccination Aborts Whooping Cough in Infants." He states it is remarkable the way this disease disappears after an intercurrent vaccination. The effect of the vaccination does not seem to be modified by the presence of the pertussis. So convinced is Mehnert of its efficacy that he suggests the advisability of postponing vaccination of infants so as to utilize its dual action in case of an epidemic of the disease.