

A NEW METHOD OF RESUSCITATION FROM HYPERANÆSTHESIA
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At a recent meeting of the New York Academy of Medicine, Dr. Worster read a case in which chloroform had been administered to a patient, by a party whom he regarded as competent, as a preparatory step to an operation, by himself, for the relief of hæmorrhoids. Suddenly the patient had stertorous breathing, became pulseless, and exhibited all the symptoms of a speedy dissolution; but by the simple expedient of reversing his position, and inclining his body to an angle of forty-five degrees, he was fully restored.—*N. Y. Med. Record.*

Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children.

HOW TO PRODUCE THE SEXES AT WILL, AND HOW TO PREDICT
THE SEX OF THE FÆTUS.

We lately called these hard questions, and certainly they are so. But what could be more important than to be able to produce male or female children, as we wished? To control as might be desirable, the per centage of sexes in a population? To bring about that happy equipoise when there would be no sighing maids at home, nor want of warriors in the field?

Many a plan has been suggested, and perhaps among them some have not received the attention they merit. Some physiologists have supposed that one ovary produces males, the other females. The suggestion has been made, that did the woman, immediately after congress, lie a while on one side, she would always have one sex for offspring. We have learned from a lady who tried this in eight conceptions, that turning on the left side produced always males, on the right, females.

But a more plausible theory is that of M. Thury, professor in the Academy of Geneva. He observed that the queen-bee lays female eggs at first, and male eggs afterward: that with hens, the first laid eggs give female, the last, male products; that young bulls, who meet the female at the first signs of heat, generate heifers more frequently than old bulls who are exhausted and do service later; that mares, shown the stallion late in their periods, drop horse-colts rather than fillies. He formulated, therefore, this law for stock raisers: "If you wish to produce females, give the male at the first signs of heat; if you wish males, give him at the end of the heat." We have before us the certificate of a Swiss stock grower, son of the President of the Swiss Agricultural Society, Canton de Vaud, signed in February of the present year, which says, speaking of the accuracy of this law: