

excessive and continuous vomiting occurred, producing severe prostration, Opium in large doses—fifty drops of the tincture—were given, but the stomach instantly ejected it. My aid was now solicited. I sent him effervescent powders, hoping thereby to allay the emesis, also opium in pill form, two grain doses, all were fruitless.

I was now sent for, and I found the patient with all the symptoms noted in the previous case fearfully exaggerated, tremors so excessive, that every muscle seemed to play truant, his fear amounted to horror, he plead not to be left alone, perspiration profuse, emesis unremitting, medicine, water, fluid or solid were alike expelled. I ordered him the same as case first, and was fearful lest that, too, would meet with the same fate and be expelled. I remained with him, engaging his mind in conversation, in fifteen minutes an improvement was noticed, in thirty minutes a general warmth in the stomach assured me of the characteristic action of the drug. In two hours I felt satisfied, it was acting like a charm. emesis ceased, nothing but a little nausea remaining, patient more quiet, but complained of extreme thirst. I withheld fluids of every description for an hour, at which time he took water—a tumbler full, it nearly cost him a return of vomiting. I now left him, and ordered the second dose in two hours, unless sleep intervened. I saw him early in the morning, he had continued to improve, and, after the second dose, had slept considerably. The patient was rapidly recovering his normal status.

It will be noticed in this case that it had a prompt effect on the vomiting, and a very early calmative effect on the nervous centres implicated.

I will not at present speculate on the physiological action of the drug, this is a subject for the savans of the profession to determine. Whatever be its *modus operandi*, the results are unquestionable, and would certainly recommend its use in similar, as well as more aggravated cases.

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