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NOTE ON ARSENICAL NEURITIS FOLLOWING THE  
USE OF FOWLER'S SOLUTION (34 51 m 18).\*

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During the first few years of practice I was in the habit of using arsenic somewhat sparingly, but after the appearance of Bramwell's paper in 1877, on the use of this drug in pernicious anæmia, I began in the cases which came under my observation to use it more freely, and since that time in various forms of anæmia, in leukæmia, in Hodgkin's disease, and chorea minor I have used it in what might be called large doses. My rule has been to begin with two or three minims three times a day, and gradually increase the dose every four or five days until the patient took ten, fifteen or twenty minims of Fowler's solution three times a day. I preferred to see the physiological effects, either itching of the skin, slight œdema, an attack of vomiting, or diarrhœa. The quantity which will induce these symptoms varies in different individuals, and in the anæmia cases those who bear the drug best seem to improve the most rapidly. The largest doses I have given were in a case of pernicious anæmia, in which the patient had taken during his primary attack with the greatest benefit for several weeks twenty minims of Fowler's solution three times a day; and had reached in his relapse thirty minims three times a day, when at the end of a week he had an attack of itching of the eye lids, and œdema over the eye brows.

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