

previously been troubled for a couple of years. Considering the case vicariously to the eyes, he put her at once upon six minim doses of tincture of nuxvomica, giving it twice a day as before. The treatment proved immediately successful, and up to the present (now a year and a-half), she has not been troubled with them but once or twice.

*In Skin Diseases.*—Dr. Sewell remarks that he has found nuxvomica to produce an excellent effect on skin diseases occurring in cachectic or scrofulous subjects, by rendering them more readily amenable to local treatment, and instances impetigo of the scalp in particular. For a similar reason he also suggests its employment in strumous ophthalmia.

*In Tetanus.*—In 1847 Dr. Fell, of New York, published seven cases of tetanus, six of which were certainly of the traumatic variety, and which all recovered under its use. His plan of administering it was to give an eighth or a tenth of a grain of strychnia, and in two hours a sixteenth of a grain, thus reducing the dose still further, and only to the extent of producing specific signs of its influence after each one. Dr. Kolloch, also relates a case of traumatic tetanus, occurring in a negro girl, which was cured by strychnia, given in doses of a twelfth of a grain every two hours. *Stillé* 217.

*In Hysterical Spasm of the Oesophagus.*—We have the report of a case which yielded to increasing doses of nuxvomica, continued until the system became affected.

*In Prolapsus of the Rectum.*—Koch of Stuttgart, speaks of a cure he effected in a case of fifteen years standing, by the employment of cold water injections, medicated by the addition of twelve drops of tincture of nuxvomica. And Dr. A. Johnson has been equally successful by the application of strychnia (a sixteenth of a grain) to a blistered surface over the coccyx. *Oper. cit.*

*In either Incontinence or Retention of Urine.*—When depending on impaired power in the muscular coat of the bladder from habitual distension, or from pressure by the uterus, the operation of nuxvomica is generally very efficient. It has been employed in cases occurring after parturition. And Solly has given it successfully in incontinence after lithotomy. Lecluyse, in retention from paralysis, injected a solution of strychnia into the bladder. In incontinence of urine in children, Mondiere, Ribes, Guersent, Maurice, and others found the alcoholic extract of nuxvomica better than all other remedies. Tronseau, however, thinks belladonna superior. *Oper. cit.*, 215.

*In the Vomiting of Pregnancy.*—Dr. Kroyher, of Paderburg, considers the tincture of nuxvomica a specific. He directs a few drops to be taken in a little aromatic or cherry-laurel water, increasing it to ten, twelve, or eighteen drops, if necessary, every morning early, and in the evening. *Br.* 218.

*In Hay Fever.*—Mr. Gream has found it very useful in removing the coryza. He orders from ten to twenty drops of the old tincture three times a day, and the application of Goulard's cerate to the nose. *Braithwaite* 72.

*In Facial Neuralgia.*—Dr. Roelants, of Rotterdam, has furnished a favorable account of the treatment of both old and recent cases of facial neuralgia by nuxvomica. Twenty-five out of twenty-nine, he states, were cured and three were still under treatment. All he says, yielded to the remedy with singular rapidity. *Stillé*, 217.

*In Lead Colic.*—Nuxvomica is highly recom-

mended by Dr. Serres, Dr. Huss of Stockholm, Dr. Neligan of Dublin, and Drs. Sweet and Bulkley of New York. The dose of the Dublin tincture is from ten to thirty drops according to the course of the disease; it is to be administered also in clysters, and applied to the abdomen on cataplasms. It generally gives relief in forty-eight hours, the bowels acting and the pain subsiding.

*In Chronic Rheumatism.*—The external use of equal parts of tincture of nuxvomica and soap liniment is strongly recommended by Kessel. *Stillé* 217.

*In Dysmenorrhœa.*—Rademacher combines tincture of nuxvomica with tincture of castor in equal proportions, and directs thirty drops to be taken five or six times a day.

*In prolonged after-pains.*—He finds it to give relief when administered in a similar manner.

*Gastric Irritability.*—There are various forms in which this remedy may prove extremely beneficial. In true gastralgia, a disease in which paroxysmal pains of various characters, but always intensely severe, are felt in the stomach and radiates from thence to the chest, hypochondria, and back, followed by the eructation of gas and insipid or acid liquid. Rowland gives a quarter of a grain of the extract of n. v. in such cases, 3 or 4 times a day.

*In irritability accompanied by gnawing pain:* the pit of the stomach and vomiting of food, Dr. Huss prescribes one grain of powdered nuxvomica with ten grs. of magnesia, three times a day, increasing every third dose by half a grain. He says that it often gives instant relief, and does not require continuance longer than from ten days to a fortnight.

In cases of gastric irritability in which the patient is anemic, and iron cannot be borne, small doses of nuxvomica enables the system to tolerate and derive benefit from ferruginous remedies.

*In Dyspepsia.*—Werber has found it of signal benefit when the biliary secretion is defective, the digestion slow, the appetite impaired, the bowels torpid, and the spirits depressed. A condition which is apt to follow excesses in study or business, in eating, in drinking alcoholic liquors, tea or coffee, and in venereal indulgence. *Stillé* 217.

*In Constipation.*—Drs. Copeland, Neligan, Clark, and others, recommend nuxvomica in all cases depending merely on deficient tone of the muscular coat of the bowels, and an imperfect propelling power in the upper part of the rectum, *Braithwaite* 72.

All alike agree that it should be combined with some gentle purgative to promote its action. Mr. Boulton of Bath, finds a pill of half a grain of the alcoholic extract of nuxvomica,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a grain of aloes, and as much rhubarb to act nicely in such cases, and never to lose its laxative power although taken daily for months. He says that he has never derived much benefit from nuxvomica alone in costiveness. *Br.* 217.

An excellent resumé of the opinions of the profession on the effects of this remedy in costiveness may be found in *Braithwaite* 72. Dr. Hyford in his new work, reviewed in this issue, also adds his testimony to the usefulness of nuxvomica for the removal of constipation. And although advising watchfulness during its employment, states that he has never noticed any evil effect from its use, beyond a slight inconvenience in the way of nervous startings, although constantly administered for weeks 154. A favourite prescription of his is five grains of powdered nuxvomica with a grain of quinine three times a day after meals; but he often orders it likewise with iron by-hydrogen in a similar manner 152.