

bold we may be in our administration of stimulants and support. In cases of this kind, opium is often necessary, and its dose must depend on the degree of excitement, and on various other circumstances. Too small doses may only aggravate the excitement, and too large may bring on dangerous or fatal stupor. The determination of this point is one of the most delicate in therapeutics, and cannot be solved, at least in all instances, by administering small tentative doses in succession. I am inclined, says Dr. J., to give large doses of hyoscyamus as \mathfrak{z} i. of the extract, in cases where it might not be safe to give a full dose of opium." For my own part, had I another case of delirium to treat, I would give a large dose of Bromid Potas. as \mathfrak{z} i. with Tr. Valerian or musk and Hyoscyamus. I am the more inclined to the belief that it would be beneficial, from the effect I have seen it produce in incipient delirium tremens; above all, avoid depletory measures; even local depletion, if called for by urgent symptoms, should only be used with the greatest caution—every drop of blood is wanted. If the pericarditis be severe in such cases, it is better to trust to blisters, mercurial diuretics, and opium, and avoid cupping or leeching if possible. I trust you will not look upon it as contradictory what I have just said if I refer to two cases of rheumatic delirium recorded in Dr. Jones' work which were treated by tartar emetic and local depletion in conjunction with opium stimulants. I do so without varying from the opinion I have just expressed, merely to show how recovery may take place under such treatment.

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MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CASES OCCURRING IN THE PRACTICE OF THE
MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Case of Fracture of the Occipital Bone, near the Left Parietal,
under the care of JOHN REDDY, M.D., L.R.C.S.I. Reported by
Mr. MONTGOMERY JONES.

John Purcell, aged 22, was brought by the police to the Montreal General Hospital, on the morning of April 8th, when the following history was elicited:

He had been walking across a small bridge near St. Anns, while in a state of intoxication, when, his foot slipping, he was precipitated a distance of some fifteen or twenty feet, falling on a mass of rocks below.