

and on waking had a slight fit before her mother had time to see any change in her appearance.

The remedy was again resorted to and followed by the former results. This was the 3rd day of the trial of the remedy and the mother was in ecstasies about the good effects of the medicine and the probable cure of her daughter, but the latter I could not warrant her and told her not to hope for too much. I now removed the splints and put the arm up in a starch bandage. I found the bones slightly displaced on removing the splints, and in putting it up I took the precaution of bandaging the arm from the ends of the fingers to midway between the elbow and shoulder, by so doing I expected in case of any more fits to partially overcome or counteract muscular contraction, I also placed straight splints on either side of the arm and secured them by dry bandages which I did not remove until the starch bandage was quite dry. At the end of six weeks all dressings were removed and the bones found to be securely united and allowing of the usual amount of pronation and supination. Notwithstanding the precaution of putting the arm up so securely, the ends of the bones became slightly displaced by muscular action during the spasms, and as a result there was more or less irregularity at the point of union, and also, some impeded action of the extensor muscles of the thumb, probably from adhesions.

During the most of the above time the patient took the chloral hydrate, and with the exception of comparatively light spasms, it controlled both the fits and the insanity, in fact she has not been wild since taking it. Seeing the good results up to this date (20th Jan., 1871,) I determined to push the remedy still further, and when given regularly it has had the effect of keeping down the fits and producing a partial return to reason and speech. The sister of the girl called at my office yesterday, (Feb. 20th,) with the empty bottle to be refilled, for, said she, "my sister is actually talking and reasoning with us, a thing she has not done for years before."

Dose night and morning ʒ grs.

I have been induced to report this case as one bearing testimony to the efficiency of chloral hydrate, in nervous affections.