

I have lost track of. At the present time I have under observation and treatment four cases, the last having been under my care only a few weeks; the other three for periods varying from forty years to ten years and two years. I bring them before the profession, because, since 1898 I have placed them on a preparation to which my attention was drawn by an advertisement in one of my "Medical Exchanges," I, being editor of the "Canada Medical Record." That preparation is Pil Ferri Hydrocyanate, and it is manufactured by the Tilden Company, of New Lebanon, N. Y. The following is its composition: R Hydrocyanate of Iron (Tilden) 60 grains, Extract of Hyoscyamis, 60 grains, Mucilage, q. s. Divide into 120 pills, one to be given night and morning, and increased one pill every three weeks, until three pills are taken at a dose. A pill double this strength is also made.

A. C. was married in 1861, at the age of 22 years. So far as I can ascertain, previous to marriage, she never had an attack of *grand mal*. She, undoubtedly, had many attacks of *petit mal*, occurring, so to speak, in clusters. They would be absent for months, and then recur, many occurring in a day, and then disappear again. Her husband did not know this at the time of his marriage, nor for some time after. It was not till the spring of 1862 that she became pregnant, and in August, when quickening occurred, she was one night seized with a severe convulsion. I saw her immediately, and recognized at once its character, that of a severe epileptic fit. It was at this time I discovered the patient's history, as I have briefly stated it. I also learned that she had been wet nursed by one who had had, at long intervals epileptic attacks, and whose son had developed the disease. From this onward she had occasional attacks, but went to her full period, and was delivered of a healthy child. She also made a good convalescence, and her baby was nursed by a healthy wet nurse. The treatment adopted was 15 grains of bromide of potash three times a day, with a half drachm at bed-time. It is needless to give minutely the history of this case, extending over so many years. Briefly, however, it is as follows: She subsequently bore