

for some time. Before the family physician, who had been sent for, saw him he had had several convulsive attacks, when seen that gentlemen readily made out depressed fracture of the skull, and at the same time requested that I should be called in. I saw the child shortly before six o'clock the same evening and the following was the condition observed. There was marked facial paralysis of the right side the mouth being drawn over to the left, there was insensibility, the pupils of both eyes were dilated and insensible to light, the pulse was comparatively slow being 80 per minute, the right arm and leg were motionless, in flexing or extending either limb the muscles would be thrown into spasm and yield with a jerk. The left arm and leg were in constant motion, respiration was performed without difficulty but was accompanied by a sigh with each expiration. On examining the head he would raise his left hand up to the part as though semi-conscious. The scalp was puffy and tumid, there appeared to be a considerable quantity of blood effused beneath, from the position of the child, lying on his back, this blood had gravitated towards the occiput leaving the anterior part of the skull comparatively free, which enabled me to make out distinctly a depressed fracture situated on the right side a little below the mesian line and close to the anterior superior angle of the right parietal bone. The depressed fragment was below the surface fully the eighth of an inch, a sharp ridge could be felt indicating the point of fracture, which was in extent from an inch and a half to two inches. From the symptoms above described we feared some more serious lesion than the fracture. We determined to delay all operative interference and simply enjoin perfect quiet with the application of ice to the scalp.

Instructions were given to administer an enema of soap and water, or salt and water in the morning should the bowels not act. The family physician requested me to assume charge of the case to which I consented, and we agreed to meet on the following morning at 10½ o'clock. I saw the child again that night about 11, he was then perfectly quiet,