

The chairman said they had best have it published both ways, as it was a paper deserving of the widest circulation, and this was accordingly agreed to-

The Chairman announced that at the next fortnightly meeting Dr-Canniff would read a paper on the examination of carbolic acid gas as an agent in surgical treatment-

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*A Case of Poisoning by the Oil of Tansy.* By W. ALDRIGHT, A.M., M.D. Representative in the Ontario Medical Council from the University of Toronto.

As cases of poisoning by Oil of Tansy, are not I believe, of very frequent occurrence, I thought it might be of interest to note a case with which I came in contact recently.

On the 24th of August, Mrs. ——— consulted me regarding her daughter's health, a prominent symptom being a cessation of the catamenia. I prescribed a chalybeate mixture, and saw nothing more of my patient until the 27th of September. Her appearance then aroused suspicions, which I confided to her mother. I visited her next morning and, after a careful examination told her I believed her to be *enceinte*, which she strenuously denied. That evening a messenger summoned me saying that Miss ——— was "in a fit." I found her perfectly unconscious, though not profoundly comatose, pulse feeble and somewhat frequent; pupils slightly dilated. I fancied that I could detect a faint odor of Tansy on her breath; but her mother told me she had been drinking Cammomile Tea, and had not had any Tansy. I gave her a mixture containing Ammoniated Tincture of Valerian, determining to return shortly. On doing so in about half an hour, I found that she had vomited a little, and the odor of Tansy was now too strong to be concealed. I managed to get her to drink some warm water, thus keeping up the emesis, ordered an enema of mustard and water, and afterwards gave her castor oil, suspended in milk. In a couple of hours she was so far recovered as to be able to talk. The next morning all symptoms were gone, except some lightness and pain of head.

I was afterwards informed that before my arrival the patient had been frothing at the mouth.

She asserts that the quantity taken was not over half a teaspoonful: that it was obtained (from a druggist in a tumbler) there being only the one dose. As she refused to give the name of the druggist, further investigation of the subject was prevented.