

penis, for which had been prescribed one gramme (15 grains) of iodoform finely powdered, a little to be used as a topical application. The next day early in the evening, as he had not been seen since the previous day, his friends decided on forcing an entrance into his room, where they found him stretched on his bed in a profound sleep. As he did not reply to repeated calls, he was roughly shaken, and after a time they succeeded in awakening him. On perceiving the gleam of the gas, he appeared quite surprised that he should be disturbed so early in the morning. At last after they had explained to him his mistake, on reflecting on what could be the possible cause of so unnaturally prolonged a sleep, he perceived his box of iodoform on his bed, forgotten since the dressing of the previous day, the contents of which had evaporated around him. He had committed no excess the day previous, went to bed at the ordinary time and remembered nothing since then. During the day, the inmates had knocked loudly at his door frequently, but he had heard nothing. Two hours after awakening, following a hearty meal the necessity for which he experienced immediately, his clothes and breath exhaled a very strong odour of iodoform; but beyond a slight giddiness he experienced no inconvenience. This fact is interesting and worthy of note on account especially of the weak dose of iodoform, which, absorbed in minute quantities by the pulmonary mucous membrane produced complete anæsthesia for twenty-four hours, although during the lapse of that time the air of the apartment was largely renewed by an open window. Up to the present, the experiments made on the inhalation of iodoform on different animals have resulted only in a transitory anæsthesia accompanied by exhilarating effects, resembling the symptoms produced by protoxide of nitrogen, but never a profound and long continued sleep.

DEATH FROM SALICYLIC ACID.

Dr. Empis publishes a case, in *La Gaceta Medica*, Lima which is perhaps instructive, in our appreciation of the eulogies lavished by Professor Gee on the above new panacea. The patient was a man of 46 years of age in good condition, who was attacked on 21st June, 1877, with a tibio-

tarsal pain. On the 23rd there was general fever; general fatigue; heart free, pulse 96. Quinia sulph 0.80 gramme was administered. 24th. The right foot and shoulder painful; pulse 100; heart free. 25th. Left foot, swelling gone; right foot and shoulder swollen and painful; pulse 100; heart free; tongue salty. 26th. Rheumatism continues its course; pulse 100; great night agitation. 27th. Salicylic acid 7 grammes in ten powders, to be taken in panada. The effect, Dr. Empis says, was marvellous. The pains were calmed with the 5th powder. 28th. The pains of the joints have ceased; deafness and aural commotions; no fever; abundant perspiration; extreme debility; slight puffing systolic sound. Ordered 5 grammes of salicylic acid in divided doses. 29th. Patient is well; medicine suspended. At a quarter past four next morning, the patient wished to take a drink. Whilst he was doing so, he was taken with a violent pain in the stomach, and fell down on the pillow, and in a moment was dead.

The "Bulletin de Therapeutique of the 15th July," says in a note, is it not probable that a *post mortem* would have thrown valuable light on the above case, and might have shown that the cause of death was ascribable to a different agency from that of the action of the salicylic acid? The sudden cessation of life would seem to point to this interpretation.

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