

perspiration lost its foeter. He died from exhaustion 121 days after he had first felt the flying pains. No necropsy could be obtained. Dr. Myrtle regarded the case as one of paresis of nerves supplying the sweat-ducts, caused by frequent exposure to cold during his employment. Dr. Braithwaite, Dr. Hutchinson and Mr. Wheelhouse related cases of excessive sweating, which in one instance was relieved by the external application of belladonna-liniment, and in another by taking copper-sulphate. Dr. Jacob thought the intermittency of the attacks precluded a peripheral paresis, and pointed rather to the sweat-centres being affected.

HYPODERMIC INJECTION OF COCAINE.—M. Dujardin Beaumetz has been using with success hypodermic injections of cocaine in such minor surgical operations as the opening of an abscess. He insists upon the maintenance of the lying position on the part of the patient, injections in the standing or sitting position being usually followed by faintness. The dose injected by him has been 1 ccm. of a solution of the strength of 1-50th per cent., and the sedative action from this dose has usually been apparent in from 5 to 10 minutes.—*Progrès Médical*, March 21, 1885.

—An English clergyman having vaunted the curative power of shelled snails for eczema, the following recipe is sent to the *Medical Times*:—Take of common or garden clergymen—who must not be confused with the sentimental and inferior hedge parson—as many as require the treatment, tear off or carefully remove all the skin and nails, rub them well over the gravel walk in sight of the living creature which they have proposed to torture in order to provide a quack remedy for skin diseases. This will give relief to the Snails, and will cure the clergymen of their disregard for the feelings of your obedient servant,
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—Dr. Furber, writing from Kansas to the *Eastern Medical Journal*, says that the surgical mania of his State is spaying of women and young virgins. He says that in his waking hours he often dreams of a courting scene in which the conversation runs thus: “Miss Doolittle, have you been spayed?” “Sir?” “Have you undergone ovariectomy?” “Please ex-