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A NEW REMEDY FOR DYSENTERY.

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Twelve years ago, an accidental circumstance led me to attempt an improvement in the treatment of dysentery. Commencing with camphor and henbane, added to opium, I experimented on every officinal narcotic, coming to the conclusion, that of these the most efficient combination was one of opium, henbane, hemlock, stramonium, and digitalis. I had cause to be better satisfied with this than with any previous combination; but from time to time failures or tardy success induced the conclusion that something was still wanting,—that something if to be found at all, was therefore to be discovered in plants not yet admitted into the Pharmacopœias. After a long search, *Cicuta maculata*, *Sium lineare*, and *Conio-selinum canadense*, indigenous to the swamps and woods of Canada, supplied the deficiency better than any others I happened to try. *Sium lineare* supplanted hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), on account of the combination containing the latter occasionally producing pain in the bowels and failing, while that with *Sium lineare* gave relief; and