

bled about her, made some efforts at articulation, sighed and endeavoured to remove the wet cloths from her head, and the bandage from her arm; and on being asked by a relative if she felt better, nodded in the affirmative. In a few moments after she was enabled to articulate distinctly, and enquired for her husband and child. She was then made as comfortable as circumstances would permit, her wet under clothing removed and dry substituted. I then administered a large dose of calomel, to be followed in an hour by a dose of P. Jalapæ; and after remaining with her some time, during which she appeared convalescent, I returned home, previously directing her friends to continue the cold applications, but refrain from giving her anything, or over fatiguing her with idle questions.

It was about ten at night when I returned, and for two hours and a half subsequently my patient did very well, but at about one in the morning, I was again summoned—she had relapsed. She had taken her medicine, but contrary to my injunctions, her friends had engaged her in exciting conversation, and worse than all, had prevailed on her to take a bowl of thick soup, a few minutes after she had swallowed the physic. Nausea and vomiting ensued, causing redetermination to the vessels of the head, and she fell back from the sitting posture in strong convulsions.

On my arrival, finding her in this state, I learned the above particulars. I then reopened the vein in her arm, and relieved her of twenty additional ounces of blood, directed cold affusion to the head, and sinapisms to the soles of the feet, the calves of the legs, and inner aspect of the thighs. Mustard frictions were applied over the whole upper surface of the body, a blister of cantharides to the back of the neck, and a mustard blister applied along the spine, from the vertebra prominens to the lumbar region. Some time elapsed before any visible effect was produced by this active treatment. Convulsions followed convulsions with appalling rapidity, until at length, after having endured fifteen paroxysms in the short space of three quarters of an hour, in each of which I expected to see her expire, exhausted nature gave way, and she went into a semi-comatose state. Dreading the worst, I immediately despatched a messenger for my friend and colleague, Dr. T. A. Dane. On his arrival, Mr. D. entirely approved of the measures I had adopted, and recommended in addition, the re-application of hot cloths to the abdomen, loins and vulva. His advice was immediately acted upon; and after the lapse of four hours, during which time every imaginable means was essayed, we had the inexpressible satisfaction of beholding our patient aroused from her lethargy, a rapid cessation of the worst symptoms ensued, no disposition to a return to the primary ones, and by ten o'clock on the following morning, she was in a fair way of recovery. As her medicine had not up to this time operated, two drops of croton oil were given her,