

applied as a sedative in the treatment of the insane. *Chloralhydrat* resembles chloroform in appearance, but is not so heavy, and, being much less volatile than that body, it has, of course, a feebler smell. On the tongue it has a sharp, but not an acid taste, and, though it reminds one of chloroform, it gives the sensation neither of the warmth nor sweetness of the latter substance. *Chloralhydrat* is absorbed and not inspired, and in this respect it differs from all other anæsthetics. When liquid ammonia is added to a solution of this body chloroform is precipitated."

Dr. French always wishes to get the patient into an entirely unconscious state before proceeding to extract. Thinks one of the causes of unpleasant results is impurity of material. The best commercial ether is unfit for anæsthetic purposes. He has had excellent results from a mixture of three parts of chloroform, to two of ether and one of alcohol.

Dr. Whitney, in reply to Dr. Requa's inquiry, said that there is always a great loss of animal heat during the administration of anæsthetics, but does not think that the sinking sensation arises from that cause, but from the lack of a sufficient amount of stimulation from the blood to the brain. He thought that hysterical symptoms are likely to follow when given to females during catamenia. Statistics show that the large majority of fatal results have been with robust persons, and that a fatty condition of the heart has been found very frequently in post mortem examinations.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

"Filling over exposed pulps, and how to do it successfully." Dr. Daboll, essayist.

Dr. Barrett asked what course Dr. Daboll would pursue in a case where the tooth had been aching, and the decay in a position difficult of access.

Dr. Daboll said he did not think it was possible to save the nerve after congestion has supervened.

Dr. Stainton asked if a portion of the nerve could not be amputated and the remainder preserved?

Dr. Daboll thinks it cannot be done with any degree of certainty.

Dr. Barrett wished to know what is meant by congestion?

Mr. Clittenden said he understood congestion of the nerve to be that condition when from any cause a larger amount of blood has