

The S. S. White new local anæsthetic should be very good. Have used only one bottle of it. Every 30 drops contain $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. cocaine, and to keep aseptic contains alcohol, sol. boro-glyceride, cinnamic alcohol, and nitro-glycerine for heart stimulation, for which purpose it is specially adapted, as its action resembles nitrite of amyl, but is even more powerful and its effects more persistent, while it is readily absorbed. There are many other formulæ based on the same principles, such as :

R. Cocaine Hydrochlorate grs. x.
 Sulph. Atropine grs. $\frac{1}{16}$.
 Aqua Dist.,
 Listerine āā 3 iv.—M.

Forceps should not be cooler than temperature of the mouth. Concerning syringe, absolute cleanliness, with antiseptic and disinfectant precautions, are necessary. Sharp points, fine needle, bevelled side towards process. Would be well to dip in strong carbolic, rinsing in 5% solution. Campho-phenique alone is good.

"Should unfavorable symptoms occur, measures should be taken to arouse the heart and stimulate respiration. Ammonia, nitrite of amyl, three drops on a napkin, not more than three inspirations. Strong coffee has acted well when other measures fail."—(Dr. J. H. Kennicot, *Dental Cosmos*, July, 1893.)

Brandy, whiskey. If these are not sufficient, hypodermic injection of ether 15.30; even 45 ℥ as last resort dilating rectum. Of course, head will be inverted, tongue pulled forward; artificial respiration, if necessary.

I wish to add that it is not enough to do the best you can for a patient; but there is no doubt the anæsthetic is of more value when they are quite satisfied the best is being done. Any pain, then, which cannot be avoided will be willingly endured in the majority of cases. You will all agree in this, I am sure, without any illustration, as well as in concurring that the greatest assistance to the value of any anæsthetic is sympathy.

Anæsthesia vs. Asphyxia.*

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Having seen the question, "What is the difference between Anæsthesia and Asphyxia?" in the DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL, I became interested and took to discussing it with my co-laborer, the editor of the "Question Drawer," who suggested that I prepare a paper for this meeting on the subject.

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