

go to bed because bones will then feel as if loaded down with lead, *lachesis*; if patient has enlarged pupils, think of *bell.*, if contracted, *opium*; if patient has one pupil larger than the other, *gels*; if patient has phthisis, there will be retraction of the corners of the mouth in the last stages. If patient gags or vomits at the thought of food, *colchicum*; if patient has hot pale cheek, and a cold red cheek, *moschus*; if patient in confinement "cusses" you, spits in your face, and pulls your whisker, *cham*; if patient is a baby, sleeping all day and crying all night, *lycop.*; if patient has cracking in ears when riding or talking loud, *aloes*; if when eating, *nitric acid.*—Dr. Frank Kraft, in *Am. Hom*; *Hahneman. Monthly.*

SELF-MUTILATION IN CHINA.—The *Medical Press* gives the following account of a curious custom which only the ancestral worship of China could account for:

"The dearest hope known to an elderly Chinaman is to have descendants, and the main reason of this appears to be that when he comes to die his last days may be cheered by the conviction that he has left a goodly following of his own flesh and blood to worship, as is the custom in China, at his grave. But even the calculations of the "Heathen Chinese" are, in this respect, sometimes prone to be wofully thrown out of gear by a concatenation of circumstances, the occurrence of which could not have been foreseen. Of course, the Chinese father relies on his sons to propagate the race, and when there is only one son left upon whom this responsible duty devolves, it is obvious that much should be made of him. Facts go to show that sons are fully aware of the important position which in this particular they fill in the domestic circle, and consequently they expect and demand a full measure of consideration and regard from their male progenitors. Should it happen, however, that any serious quarrel arises between father and son, the son has it in his power to revenge himself to an extent which is absolutely unknown in the more civilized communities. Probably no one but a Chinaman could understand the anguish of a Celestial father who suddenly learned one day that his only son had by one swoop of a razor relieved himself of his penis and testicles! But this is the mode of retaliation which aggrieved Chinese sons adopt towards fathers who offend them. Dr. Coltman, of Peking, has just recorded two cases in which, for the reason mentioned, the sons made a clean sweep of their generative organs.—*Bost. Med. and Surg. Jour.*

CAUTION TO ANÆSTHETIZERS.—During a recent clinic by Prof. Hunter McGuire in the new amphitheatre of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Richmond, Va., while chloroform was being administered to a patient on whom excision of

portions of the bones of the leg was about to be performed, the patient suddenly stopped breathing, the face became purple, etc., while the heart continued to beat. In a moment, Dr. McGuire recognized that the condition was due to the dropping back of the tongue, obstructing breathing. With thumbs behind the rami of the inferior maxilla, he pushed that bone forward, thus lifting up the tongue, and the patient at once began breathing easily, and was kept thoroughly under the anæsthetic for the time necessary for the operation. While this procedure is not, by any means, a new one, it is worth while to record such incidents so as to keep the surgeon or physician well on his guard so as to act at the moment when by-standers are dazed at the shock of an impending accidental death. In short, in using an anæsthetic, keep your wits about you, and look out for the sudden emergencies.—*Virginia Med. Monthly.*

HYPODERMIC INJECTIONS IN NEURASTHENIA.—Mathieu, *Gaz. d. Hop.*, in reviewing this form of treatment, is inclined to believe that much of its efficacy is due to suggestion similar to the effect of suspension in tabes, and to that of twenty or thirty different medicines in phthisis. He objects strongly to the use of organic liquids, but has not the same objections to the use of saline injections, as they can be employed without danger if proper antiseptic precautions are taken, and if the injections are made sufficiently deep. He thinks that there is no doubt that small transfusions of serum, to the extent of 25, 50, or 100 centimeters of liquid, raise the tone. He has obtained almost miraculous results in neurasthenia with a liquid composed of 4 grammes of phosphate of soda, 2 grammes of chloride of sodium, 20 grammes of neutral glycerine, and 80 grammes of water, but he does not attribute any specificity to the liquid. Recently, with two centimeters of the fluid, he resuscitated a neurasthenic who was scarcely able to leave his bed; but Mathieu added a strong dose of suggestion to the formula, and believes more in the latter than in the phosphate of soda.—*Brit. Med. Jour.*

THE TRANSMISSION OF THE OVUM FROM THE OVARY TO THE TUBE (*Archiv für Gynäkologie*, Band xlv., Heft 2).—Lode first repeated the experiments of Kehrer and Pinner, injecting an emulsion of charcoal into the abdominal cavity of rabbits, and, like these authors, he was able, after a few hours, to demonstrate charcoal particles in the opened tubes. He next substituted ova of animals for the emulsion, using the ova of *ascaris lumbricoides suis*. After a lapse of twelve hours large numbers of these ova could be seen in the dissected tubes. These investigations prove that the ciliary currents can propel the ova, not only from the ovary to the tube, but also from the