

For some time after delivery the patient appeared to be doing well; the uterine contracted firmly; there was no hemorrhage, neither internal nor external; and everything seemed to promise that a favorable recovery might be expected. Owing, however, to her having become accidentally aware of the nature of what had occurred, she appeared to receive a severe mental shock, which prostrated her; and, at the termination of two and a half hours, she was seized with symptoms of syncope, and died in about half an hour. Of this unhappy termination I was the next morning informed; for no intimation of the woman's danger had been given me.

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ART. XV.—*Illustrations of the Efficacy of Dr. Kerr's new remedy for Dysentery.* By THOS. F. S. BROWN, M.D., Berlin, C. W.

Having in a very severe attack of dysentery experienced the great superiority of a remedy recently introduced by Dr. Kerr of Galt (Calcutta Medical Journal), I deem it my duty to the author and the public to make known the facts of the case.

In August last I was seized with dysentery (it being epidemic in this town). The usual remedies were promptly and skilfully administered; although the quantity of opium (or some of its preparations), combined with judicious doses of mercury, and occasionally acetate of lead, not forgetting ipecac., speedily rose to an equivalent of 21 or even 24 grs. daily,—no amendment took place. I vomited incessantly, and though tormented with thirst, could retain no fluid. In my case, the effect of large doses of opium was prostrating and overpowering, (whatever it may be in the case of others.) I did not sleep at all, but I could scarcely be said to be awake, except to the consciousness of severe pain and frequent calls to rise, agonizing tenesmus, and still frequent vomiting. I had been 10 days ill, and though assiduously and skilfully attended by my friend Dr. Bingham, and was once visited in consultation by a physician of acknowledged standing from Hamilton, nature was sinking, collapse was to be feared, when Dr. Kerr visited me. He immediately, with Dr. Bingham's sanction, gave me 3½ grs. of the following combination. Equal parts by weight of

One of the Scrophulariaceae.....	Digitalis Purpurea.
Two " Solanaceae.....	Solanum Dulcamara.
Datura Stramonium.
Three " Umbelliferae	Sium Lineare.
Cicuta Maculata.
Conioselinum Canadense.
One " Papaveraceae.....	Opium.