

the colour of the lips continued to improve. An interval was allowed for auscultation, but no effort at natural pulsation or respiration was detected. Again the inflation was resumed and continued at the rate of about twelve in the minute, for about two minutes, when the gratification was enjoyed of hearing the first natural effort at respiration. After a little time the patient was placed on a table, and the operation finished under ether anæsthesia.

This is the sixth case of suspended functions which did not respond to either the Marshall Hall method or the Sylvester method, the first five of which recovered under suspension treatment. Without this I am convinced all of these would have been lost. The foregoing is the only one that did not respond to the suspension method, and I am under unalterable obligations to Dr. Forest for paving the way to the employment of the direct inflation in the inverted position of the body.

Dupuytren's Finger Contraction.—Steele Bailey (*The Amer. Pract. and News*, August 27, 1892), reports a case of this disease caused by syphilis, gout and rheumatism being excluded. The patient was a female aged sixty-seven years. Both hands were involved, the right to a greater degree than the left. The disease began in the left thumb and after a time attacked the little finger, and by degrees spread to the ring and other fingers. At last the deformity became such that she was unable to comb her hair, to arrange her dress, to write or to perform any manual duty. There was a distinct history of syphilis contracted from her husband seven years before the contraction began, treatment for which had not been properly carried out.

A Dog Without a Brain.—Professor Goltz, of Strasbourg, has succeeded in keeping alive three dogs, after having removed the whole of the cerebral hemispheres. One lived fifty-one days, the second ninety-two days, and the third was killed after living eighteen months in this condition. In all three dogs the diencephalon had been more or less injured by the operation. In the case of the third dog, after he had been without his brain for over a year, he could be aroused