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Griginal Communications.

A CASE OF HYSTERECTOMY.

BY DRS. STEWART OF PICTOU AND INGS OF NEW GLASGOW.

Mrs. C., aged 41, consulted Dr. Hector MacKay of New Glasgow early last March on account of pains in her stomach, and sciatica.

From the signs, symptoms and history about to be related, Dr. MacKay diagnosed uterine fibroma, and Dr. Ings, who was called in consultation, confirmed the diagnosis, and advised an operation.

On March 9th, I saw the patient with Dr. MacKay and Dr. Ings, and agreed with them as to the nature of the case and the necessity for operative interference.

The general health of the patient had always been fair. She had been troubled for years with attacks of sciatica, and she also had been aware for several years of the existence of a "lump" in the lower part of her abdomen, but thought nothing of it as it was painless

and gave her no annoyance. It had of late increased rapidly in size. She had been married a little over a year, and had menstruated regularly until the first of January of the present year.

She had always suffered a good deal of pain at the menstrual epochs, but ever since the last period there had been almost continuous pelvic uneasiness, with severe bearing down pain and frequent and scanty micturition. There was constipation, and the motions had lately become slender and flattened. The sciatica had also been much more severe.

All these symptoms, indicative of intrapelvic pressure, were rapidly becoming worse, and the patient, who had done all her household work unaided until three or four days previously, was now obliged to keep her bed.

On examination a firm, rounded tumour was found occupying the position of the pregnant uterus and rising midway between the umbilicus and the ensiform cartilage. It had the appearance of a pregnancy of about six months. It was slightly movable from side to side. Towards each groin a smaller firm swelling could be indistinctly felt. A bruit similar to the placental bruit was heard below the umbilious, but no fortal heart sounds could be heard.

On examining per vaginam the pelvis was found to be completely blocked by a firm rounded tumour. The impression conveyed was that of an enlarged retroflexed uterus, but though the finger could be pushed some distance between the tumour and the symphysis pubis, the cervix could not be felt.

Examination of the rectum showed that the tumour jammed it tightly

against the sacrum.

This pelvic tumour was not tender on pressure, it was firmly wedged in the pelvis, and pressure in various directions and with the patient in the dorsal, lateral, and genu-pectoral position, failed to move it in any way.

There were various points in the case in which an exact diagnosis was difficult. In the first place, did pregnancy exist? If so, was it a two months' pregnancy dating from the cessation of the catamenia, or was it one of longer standing corresponding to the increased size of the abdomen, and during which there had been spurious menstruation.

The bruit heard in the hypogastrium was not of much diagnostic value. If really placental it was in favour of the

latter view.

Then there was some doubt as to the relation of the abdominal and pelvic portions of the tumour. The former was somewhat inovable, the latter was immovable. Was this a retroverted gravid uterus with a pedunculated fibroid in the abdominal tumour was ovarian?

The rapidity of its growth was in favour of its being ovarian, but the pelvic portion of the tumour was also growing rapidly with correlative increase of pressure symptoms. The fibroid tumours of the uterus have been known to grow rapidly, and this is, perhaps, always the case during pregnancy.

As I have already stated, we arrived at the conclusion that this was a case of fibroma of the uterus, stimulated into rapid growth by the occurrence of pregnancy.

On the 14th of March Dr. Ings and I performed hysterectomy. The anesthetic was administered by Dr. Hector MacKay, and we had the kind assistance of Dr. J. W. MacKay, of Thorburn. The patient had lost strength markedly during the previous four or five days. Her pulse was 96 and small, and her temperature had been subnormal (97°4) for twenty-four hours. The diet had been carefully regulated, and the bowels cleared out by purgatives and enemata.

The abdomen was thoroughly scrubbed with soap and water, and then with a 1 to 20 solution of Carbolic acid, and our hands were disinfected in the same way. The instruments, ligatures, etc., after lying for some time in a 1 to 20 solution, were kept in a 1 to 40 solution of Carbolic acid. For the sponges we used a 1 in 5000 solution of perchloride

of mercury.

Half an hour before beginning the administration of chloroform, Dr. MacKay gave the patient fifteen minims of tineture of digitalis in two drams of

brandy.

We made an incision in the median line about three and a half inches in length from the umbilious downwards, picked up the peritoneum with catch forceps, incised it and enlarged the wound with scissors to the full length of the incision in the skin, and exposed the tumour and the bladder, which we had purposely left undrained, and which had been dragged up halfway to the On exploring with the umbilieus. hand we found a large rounded tumour, reaching as high as the diaphragm, and free from adhesions. From its lower part the broad ligaments could be traced outwards towards each side. It was evidently the enlarged uterus.

Below and behind this tumour, and connected with it by a short flattened pedicle apparently about three inches in width and about one in thickness was another mass, irregularly rounded and nodular, extending downwards into the pelvis and immovable. It completely

filled the pelvic inlet, so that we could not insignate our fingers between it and the brim. Although exceedingly doubtful of our ability to remove this portion, we decided to carry on the operation.

The enlarged uterus was turned out, but the shortness of the pedicle connecting it with the pelvic tumour prevented our moving it as freely as was desirable, and considerably hampered our proceedings. We first secured the left broad ligament. We found the veins exceedingly brittle, so that on tightening the ligatures some of them gave way and bled; so we put a clamp on the ligament and tied again more carefully. The right ligament was then tied off in sections in the same way. Then we dissected the bladder from the anterior wall of the tumour, snipping through the utero-vesical fold of peritoneum with seissors, and tearing through the loose connective tissue with the finger, and so came down on the cervix. The bladder was then drained. We next ligatured the uterine arteries and transfixed the supravaginal portion of the cervix with a double ligature of strong silk. At this juncture a large vein in the pedicle of the pelvic tumour gave way, but bleeding was easily controlled by digital pressure until forceps were placed on the vein and the pedicle secured by a Keith's clamp.

We now tied a piece of rubber tubing tightly round the cervix, and then cutting through the cervix above the ligatures, and through the broad ligaments and the pedicle, the uterus was removed.

While endeavoring again to insinuate our fingers between the pelvic brim and the tumour, it suddenly slipped up somewhat out of the pelvis. The fingers passing downwards felt a band of tissue connecting the tumour with the posterior wall. It was at first feared this was the rectum, enclosed in the growth, but it turned out to be a simple adhesion, and was snipped through with scissors after ligation.

We now substituted Keith's clamp for the rubber tubing on the pedicle, which we treated by the extra peritoneal method.

There had been really very little bleeding, and this was entirely venous, but the patients' strength was failing and she was looking very badly. Dr. McKay had substituted ether for chloroform, and had administered two hypodermic injections of digitalis, seven or eight minims each time. The pulse improved perceptibly on each occasion. Brandy was also given hypodermically.

We douched the abdominal-cavity with hot 1–5000 sublimate solution and sponged dry. The abdominal incision was sutured as rapidly as possible with continuous suture and dressed with iodoform and iodoform gauze, packing this carefully round the stump, which was brought out at the lower part of the wound. Over this was placed a pad of alembroth wood held down by adhesive plaster and over all a domett bandage. No drainage tube was used.

The patient was then carried to bed. It was for some time very doubtful if she could rally. The pulse was at times inperceptible. We kept the lower limbs elevated and the head low. Assiduous friction was employed, several hot water bottles were placed beside her and one was held over the heart. Brandy was given hypodermically; in all, about a dozen syringefuls were given. Digitalis and strychnine were also injected in the same way.

In about an hour reaction set in and the pulse improved in strength but became very rapid. At 5 p. m. the temperature was 99°2 and the pulse 130. The pulse however became quieter towards evening. The patient was soon able to take small quantities of nourishment, and on the following day her condition was such as to warrant hopes of her recovery. Her strength failed however, and without any indications of inflammation or of homorrhage she gradually sank and died at 2 a. m., on the 16th—about thirty-six hours after the operation. There was no postmortem.

On slitting up the uterus through the cervical canal the fœtal sac was exposed and in it was seen a feetus of about six weeks or two months.

Two small secondary outgrowths sprang from the uterine tumour, one was sessile—the other had a short broad pedicle. There were fibroid nodules in the walls of the cervix.

The pelvic tumour was much harded and very nodular.

JOHN STEWART.

CATARACT OPERATION BY THE METHOD OF SIMPLE EXTRACTION WITHOUT IRIDECTOMY, WITH REPORT OF CASES.

Read before the Maritime Medical Association Halifax, N. S., July 7th, 1892,

By Dr. E. A. Kirkpatrick, Halifax.

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being produced, in cases with old synechiae presenting nor in very soft catar-Briefly the method of operating is as follows:

Preparation of patient.—I invariably prescribe a gentle laxative the day previous to the operation, and, when necessary, the free use of the bath. require that the patient shall be placed in bed—the one to be occupied during the whole course of the treatment—at least a half hour before the hour fixed for the operation. I thus avoid any exertion or even movement of the patient just before or after the operation. Before attending to the patient the hands of the operator are thoroughly cleansed with soap and hot water, while the instruments are sterilized by holding. them in boiling water for a few minutes. I then irrigate freely the conjunctival cul-de-sac with a solution of mercuric bichloride 1-8000. These simple precautions in the way of preparing the patient lessen the cases of prolapsed iris, hæmorrhage and suppuration in the wound.

Local anæsthesia is then commenced by using two or three drops of 4 p. c. solution of cocaine hydrochlorate. This is repeated in three minutes, and again in five minutes, when the eye is usually ready for operation. If at this time I find the pupil has not dilated sufficiently, I wait four, six, eight or ten minutes. A valuable precaution is to have the eye-lids close, during this time The patient is now of anæsthesia ready for operation.

Technique of the Operation.—The writer always stands behind the patient and operates on the right eye with the right hand and on the left eye with the left hand. This position taken the ' speculum is introduced and with the fixation forceps held in one hand the conjunctiva over inferior rectus muscle is grasped so as to include the sub-conjunctival tissue, while the other hand holds the straight narrow cataract knife. The point of the knife is introduced from the temporal side so that the entire while the local anæsthesia of the eye is length of the incision will amount to

CATARACT OPERATIONS.

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Cabo Ao, o was reported as a paralal success, but has since been converted into a success by a secondary operation.

two-fifths of the circumference of the cornea—the whole being made in clear cornea. A conjunctival flap is avoided thereby lessening the liability of primary infection because of a large wound. Such a flap is also thought to favor prolapse or incarceration of the iris. In only one of the cases which I am reporting did a prolapse of the iris take place, and that not until the expulsion of the lens.

The knife should be carried rapidly across the anterior chamber and the completion of the section should also be rapidly made.

The iris now lies in contact with the cornea, hence the capsulatome is passed very carefully between the two and well to the nasal side of the capsule—a T shaped incision being made. At this stage of the operation same operators remove the speculum. I prefer to leave it in position until after the expulsion of the cataract. In cases of complicated cataract, however, I would remove the speculum after capsulotomy. In expelling the cataractous lens two spatulas are used-one narrow and one broad. narrow one is used to make pressure on the eye-ball above the wound while the broader one makes pressure on the lower part of the cornea—the force being carefully directed backwards and upwards when the wound will open and the lens present between its lips and be expelled. The speculum is now removed and the lids allowed to remain closed for one or two minutes. pupil is then carefully examined and if soft lens matter remain an endeavor should be made to expel it by massage of the eye-ball through the lids and by the use of the spatula over the cornea. After a free instillation of bichloride solution one or two drops of a solution of eserine, 1-5 of 1% are dropped into the cul-de-sac to contract the pupil and thus insure the retraction of the iris from the corneal wound.

Dressing.—A piece of aseptic absorbing cotton is soaked in the bichloride solution 1 to 8000 and placed over the

eye, over this a square of oil silk and then a considerable quantity of absorbing cotton—all held in place by the firm application of a flannel bandage 1½ inches wide. I always bandage both eyes for 3 or 4 days.

Advantages of Simple Extraction.—
1st. No pain as the iris is not cut.

2nd. No hæmorrhage as there is no iridectomy. This, of course, is a great advantage as free bleeding often takes place in all other forms of cataract operations which not only delays the operation some minutes but may even accessitate the abandoning of the completion of the operation for weeks.

3rd. It is a shorter operation.

4th. Vision is usually better than by any other operation.

5th. The cosmetic effect is perfect a circular, central and movable pupil resulting.

6th. The wound is less likely to be occupied by small particles and excite irritation.

The disadvantages .--

1st. It is a more difficult operation because of the liability of the iris to fall before the knife and the natural obstruction of the iris to the free passage of the cataract. To prevent the former the knife must be passed through the auterior chamber rapidly.

2nd. The remains of cortical matter are with greater difficulty expelled.

3rd. The necessity of a moderately dilated pupil, which is impossible to secure in some cases.

4th. Secondary operations are more difficult after cataract operations without iridectomy.

By reference to the table a concise report of the cases will be seen. Three of the cases were operated upon in the Church Hospital and five in private houses. While placing these consecutive successful cases on record I wish to thank Doctors Jones, Cowie, Curry, Trenaman, Chisholm and Slayter, for valuable assistance rendered.

Society Proceedings.

NOVA SCOTIA MEDICAL SOCIETY.

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Next place of meeting: Bridgewater, first Wednesday in July, 1893.

Local Committee.—Drs. Calder, Foster, Marsh and Jenkins.

Dr. D. A. Campbell moved, and Dr. Burgess seconded, the following resolution, which passed:

"That the President and Secretary of the N. S. Medical Society be a committee to carry out the instructions of the Cogswell bequest to the Medical Society of Nova Scotia."

Dr. A. J. Cowie moved, and Dr. N. E. McKay seconded, the following, which passed:

"That the President and Secretary of the Medical Society of N. S. be appointed temporary trustees of the Cogswell bequest, with instructions to look after this money and invest it in Dominion of Canada securities.

NEW BRUNSWICK MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The twelfth annual meeting of this Society was held in the Oddfellows Hall, Saint John, on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 19th and 20th. The meeting was largely attended, there being fiftyseven members present, and proved very successful. The papers read were interesting and well discussed, The following members were present:—Drs. Thos. Walker, Jas. Christie, J. W. Daniel, Wm. Christie, J. H. Wilson, E. Reavley, G. C. Crawford, F. H. A. Wetmore, Foster MacFarlane, O. D. McDonald, F. L. Kenney, J. G. Hetherington, D. E. Berryman, C. R. Allen, J. O. White, H. B. Hay, C. T. Purdy, G. C. Danwart, J. F. Teed, G. A. Hetherington, H. H. Coleman, A. F. Emery, J. A. McCarron, R. Harrison, Wm. Bayard, J. C. Sharp, W. S. Morrison, T. O. Walker, Murray MacLaren, J. A. Simon, M. F. Bruce, J. C. Brown, P. R. Inches, S. F. Wilson, J. Z. Currie, E. J. Broderick, G. A. Melvin, H. Mc-Alpine, H. G. Addy, W. W. White, B. A. Marvin, T. C. Murray, O. J. McCully, A. Moore, T. J. Lawson, B. Travers, J. G. Nügent, J. H. Ryan, J. A. Steeves, J. H. Jonah, A. G. Clarke, J. Berryman, J. B. Travers, G. A. B. Addy, J. H. Morrison, W. Sheffield.

July 19th.—Sessions 10.30 to 1 and 3 to 6 p. m. As the president, Dr. J. E. Church, was unavoidably absent, the first vice-president, Dr. J. W. Daniel, took the chair. After reading the minutes, the treasurer made his report, showing a balance on hand of \$233.87. Dr. E. Reavley read a paper entitled, "Analogy between Grippe and Dip-

theretic Paralysis." This was an interesting paper, and dealt fully with the nervous lesions in la grippe.

Dr. F. H. Wetmore then read a paper on "Floating kidney," and quoted

several cases.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—
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Trustees—Drs. Geo. A. Hetherington, O. J. McCully and Murray Mac-Laren.

In the evening the visiting brethren were entertained at a concert at the Opera house.

July 20th. Session 10.30 to 1.

On motion, Fredericton was chosen for the next place of annual meeting, and the following local committee of management was chosen: Drs. J. C. Sharp, T. C. Brown, J. Z. Currie, G. E. Coultharz, G. C. Danwart.

Dr. O. J. McCully then read "A few medical opinions confirmed by experience," a paper which dealt with several very practical points, and was followed by Dr. Geo. G. Melvin, who read a paper on "The conduct of normal labour," which drew out a full discussion.

The Medical Registrar reported among other things that during the past year six practitioners had been added to the Register, and that the income for the year collected from all sources amounted to \$322.50. The proceedings were then brought to a close.

ANATOMY.

The Spinal Column in the Infant.
—Dr. J. W. Ballantyne (Edinburgh Medical Journal) says:

The total length of the body of the infant at birth is about two and a half times that of the spine. This is due not so much to the lower limbs, which are relatively short, but to the head, which is large at this time of life.

In the case of premature infants (six or eight months' fœtuses) the cervical and lumbar regions of the spine are practically equal in length; but in well developed, full-time infants, the lumbar part of the vertebral column is longer than the cervical, although not so much longer as it is in adult life, when the lumbar spine is to the cervical as 3 to 2. (In the infant the proportion is approximately as 5 to 4).

In the infant the spine is very flexible, and this flexibility is due not only to the imperfectly ossified condition of its segments, but also to the weak

muscular action at this age.

There are no fixed curves in the infant's spine save that caused by the slight projection of the sacral promontory; those that are seen in frozen sections are due to the position of the body during freezing, and vary with the changes which the position may undergo.

Whilst there are no fixe l curves in the spinal column in the infant, at general curvation of the spine above the sacral promontory usually exists (as it did also in fœtal life), and this has an anterior concavity (kyphosis).

If the bones be unusually soft and muscles weak (as in rickets), and also if the infant be encouraged to sit up at too early an age, this natural and temporary infantile kyphosis may become pathological and permanent. Under similar conditions other wrong curvatures of the spine may also be produced. In the new-born infant the characters of the facets of the occipito-atlantoid articulations are not such as to permit of safe and extensive movements.—

Amer. Lancet.

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As we (to speak openly) anticipated one or two failed to grasp the spirit of the occasion. We have before now seen a man highly indignant at its being suggested to him, it would be agreeble if a small account owed perhaps, for one, two, or more years, were settled. That is a phase of human nature. The man might be a very decent fellow too, but a little bit astray on the view he took (for the moment) of that matter.

Every intelligent reading man understands now that some journals stop the day that the time they are prepaid for is up; that many more are continued on the presumption by the publisher that the subscriber would have given notice if he wished the paper stopped. This custom became so universal and so well understood that the law recognizes a subscriber liable if he continues to receive the paper without any dissent or expression of wish to the contrary.

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who do not want it we do not intend to make pay for it.

At the same time we think that any who have constantly received it, but did not want it, might have informed us to that effect before one or two years had elapsed.

However the number who have professed themselves in that position is not half a dozen, and we only make these remarks to attempt to remove an impression that one or two seemed to have that we were trying very hard to make them take the NEWS.

In justice and with thanks to nearly all our subscribers we must say that our business relations have been perfectly pleasant.

We are now in the midst of the season when the youngest members of our families have more than their share of ailments. The rightly dreaded summer diarrhæa attacks the young ones of many homes and the family physician is looked to, to, if not avert, at least stay and cure the malady. Some mothers have learned by experience and teaching how to avoid the onset of Others have not the diarrheea. had the opportunity of learning, or, lacking a large quota of practical common sense and thoughtfulness, do not take precautions that are at once necessary and the necessity of which is easily intelligible. will perhaps not be profitless to consider a few of the principles that should guide us in dealing with this summer diarrhæa of children.

1st. Prophylaxis. In some way undoubtedly associated with the hot weather, the alimentary system is peculiarly susceptibal to irrita-Dietary indiscretions will at this time lead to enteric irritation and catarrh that at other times would have little if any disturbing effect. Again, disturbance in any part of the system from teething or any other cause, will now constitute a predisposing cause of alimentary irritation, when at other times this tendency may be less pronounced. The evident indication for physician is to advise "let well alone," and if the mother is contemplating a change or advance in the diet which has hitherto agreed with the child to advise that some other time be chosen for instituting the change than the month of August. It will also be wise, while approving of giving the child plenty of fresh air, and a fair proportion of time out of doors, to warn against exposing the child to the strong heat of the sun at midday, and to minimise as far as possible the direct disturbing effects of the hot sun and atmosphere.

2nd Treatment.—A child with summer diarrhoea has, as a rule, a catarrhal condition of the bowels. Furthermore there are frequently present feetid stools indicating an extreme degree of intestinal sepsis and irritation.

Where the stools are feetid it will generally be wise to commence with an effort to free the

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bowels from their septic irritating contents. This is usually done by administering a dose of castor oil. When the bowels have been relieved from what we may term auto or internal irritation then the first aim and care must be that nothing irritating be introduced from without. If the food being used may possibly irritate, or if there is proof of this, say, by the excreta consisting of partly undigested milk or other material, a clear indication is to either partly pre-digest by one of the pepsin or pancreatic products or to alter the material of the diet.

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alcoholic stimulant. But the cardinal principles of treatment are first remove, and secondly avoid causes of intestinal irritation.

WE must confess to sharing in what seems to be a somewhat general opinion that the Royal Commission on the liquor traffic that is just about completing its labours in the Maritime Provinces cannot be considered a success from any point of view.

The most successful possible feature of such a commission would be the eliciting of an array of facts which, when classified, should afford a basis for intelligent action one way or the other.

In this regard, so far as we can judge, the present commission is a complete failure.

From the questions asked, and from those which were not asked, we have concluded that however worthy of respect in their particular spheres of life work the members of the commission doubtless are, they have a peculiar and altogether inefficient conception of the character of the special duties expected of them, and completely fail to grasp the admirable opportunity of performing a great and useful work in the interests of the social life of their country.

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bility of this or that bit of proposed legislation. It did not seem to occur to the worthy commissioners that citizens are accustomed to express their opinions on such matters at the polls.

Then, there was an almost complete lack of any attempt to gain the only kind of information that was worth gaining, namely, statement of fact as to the effects of liquor as regards health, crime, thrift, poverty (with resulting support by public money) provision for family after death, social contentment and happiness, etc., and such facts as might have been looked for from physicians, members of the legal profession, and carefully chosen representatives from every class of society.

Founded upon a mass of such information recommendations of certain legislation might have been made, and the wishes of the electors in regard to any proposed legislation then tested at the polls. As it is, no sound conclusion can be drawn from the class of testimony gathered and any recommendations made by the commissioners can only then embody the opinions which perhaps would have been more soundly based at the commencement of their sittings than after a confused consideration of the heterogeneous mass of opinion which is daily recorded as testimony.

All will regret to hear of Dr. Bayard's severe accident, the worthy gentleman having fractured his leg, we believe in getting in or out of his carriage.

Selections.

A STUDY OF HYPNOTICS.

By Archer Atkinson, M. D., Late Professor of Materia Medica, Member of the Baltimore Microscopic Society, etc.

It is worth our while to differentiate between natural sleep and that condition of insensibility induced by the different forms of opium or of choral, under legions of names, all of which require increasing doses to bring on sleep, often with most distressing after-effects to the individual.

Hypnotics need not come under the head of narcotics, though they do impart quiet to the nervous system, and are to that extent narcotics and sedatives. Late advances in therapeutics teach us that sleep may be produced independently of any form of opiates or other brain stupefiers, which it is important to impress on patients, as it is no uncommon event for death to follow the administration of sleep-producing drugs used in ignorance by the victims of sleeplessness, and where death does not ensue their use is too apt to bring on the destructive and distressing opium, chloral or chloroform habit.

Sleep is as necessary to man as food and drink. Nothing is so distressing and debilitating as the inability to sleep. Quietude and darkness both favor the condition of sleep, as seen in fowls and domestic animals. Even the most nervous man can sleep away up in the stillness and loneliness of the high altitudes of the Allegheny Mountains; the busy city man, relieved from business cares, with his overtaxed brain at rest, and the victim of a misspent life and of too free indulgence, who passes his nights tossing "as on a demon-haunted shore," may find sweet repose amid the high peaks of the silent mountain.

On the other side, a too rapid descent into a heavier atmosphere occasions restlessness from insufficiency of inspiratory efforts, as was recently seen in a child just arrived in this city from Prescott, Arizona. Here was great dyspnœa, but no diseased condition could be discovered. The trouble yielded soon to a couple of doses of sodium bromide, followed by syrup of hydriodic acid, and keeping the windows open, though in winter. In the same way the writer has known an asthmatic adult, residing near the sea, become unable to sleep even 150 miles in the interior at no great elevation. At Nice it is no uncommon thing to find that those who cannot rest down by the sea-shore soon fall asleep after changing their abode, going only as high up as Gairant, about 800 feet above the sea level.

Light, too, promotes repose in asthmatic persons. Professor Rostan has shown that light favors respiration in such persons, and that sufferers from periodical attacks of dyspnæa find relief on the approach of morning light.

Food conduces to sleep, toning up the blood-vessels with fulness of warm, healthy blood, and satisfying the overfatigued body, which in turn lapses into quiet repose. Warm milk soothes and satisfies the fretting infant, inducing pleasant slumber. Work and fatigue conduce to sleep. Allingham, the specialist of London, says that for promoting sound sleep in such as have itching piles, "Enjoin a walk of three or four miles daily, and if possible at such a speed as will induce slight perspiration." This plan, he thinks, causes such sleep as to render the itching The laborer retires unrecognizable. early and sleeps sweetly all night; and Dr. Abernethy's advice to the noblemen would come in very well for insomnia, as well as for dyspepsia, "Earn sixpence a day and live on it."

Some plants cause death-like sleep, as the sheep ivy, to the blossoms of which the famous Trebizond honey is thought to owe its sleep-producing power; celery and lettuce also both enjoy some reputation as sleep-pro-

ducers. Hops contribute drowsiness as well as bitterness to ale and beer, and in the very impressible the hop-pillow is promotive of sleep; indeed, a bed-time dose of good malt will often cause sleep and afford a gentle stimulant to the weary brain.

There is great difference between natural sleep and that caused by opiates, which lull pain and give a restless sleep, leaving the individual hot, thirsty and dreamy, with more or less disturbed digestion and itching of the skin.

Certain sulphur waters promote sleepiness, while others cause wakefulness unless taken stale; in some countries onions are taken with the view to pro-

mote sleep.

Sleeping well should be as much a habit as bad sleeping. Early rising does much to favor sound sleep; and one secret of the perfect sleep of the country people is that they retire early and fatigued, and have perfect quiet around them. The conditions favoring sleep are perfect quiet, fatigue to more or less extent, darkness, a full meal, continuous monotony—as of a dull sermon or recitation, the quiet splash of the sea—freedom from pain, and warm extremities.

As to medicinal agents, there are many which have just claims as hypnotics. The bromides all act by lessening the cerebral circulation, as does a full dose of epium, or of chloral; but chloral is uncertain and dangerous. Paraldehyde is with some a favorite, but the writer has known persons to object to its taste and bulk; then, too, it is not unlikely to offend the already nauseated stomach in delirium tremens, or in the insomnia of typhoid patients, who do not bear well any form of hypnotic in full doses unless it is braced up by some corresponding heart stimulant (as digitalis), or ammonia or whiskey.

Hypnotics act best in combination, but it is well to rely on a single drug. A night-dram of alcoholic material promotes sleepiness, and hence it has been christened the "cereal night-cap;" the phosphorized elements of the brain of animals in the form of phosphates

and the hypophosphites help to slumber; indeed, whatever nourishes the weary brain will conduce to gentle sleep. A mixture of the wheat phosphates and of the brain matter of animals affords refreshing sleep, from the satisfaction afforded to the enfeebled stomach and nervous system. Even a solution of the hypophosphites of soda and lime, with a full dose of a tonic tincture, contributes drowsiness, as well as nutriment, by supplying to the weary brain the elements it so much requires.

Such stimulants as the tinctures of capsicum and of nux vomica, tend to produce sleep, causing a glow to the stomach, while they afford prompt relief to such as suffer from heart failure. The same may be said of the digitalis preparations. Drugs which lessen the amount of blood in the brain conduce to sleep, and yet the same drugs cause wakefulness in small doses. often a 1-2 grain dose of opium or 1-8 grain of morphine will keep some persons awake all night, while one grain of the opium or a full quarter grain of the morphia would have afforded sound sleep. One full hypnotic dose is better than repeated small doses; 30 drops of tinct opii deed, with a few drops of tinct. digitalis, or with 30 gr. of the sodium bromide, or often better still with the 1-6 gr. of tartar emetic, at late bed-time, will produce such temporary anæmia of the brain as to induce sound sleep. Bellodonna, stramonium, and Indian hemp produce cerebral determination and do not favor sleep. patients with delirium tremens we find wakefulness and hallucinations begin as soon as the patient is left alone and the lights are put out, and these are the patients of all others who most require sleep.

Sulfonal is uncertain, sometimes giving six hours of sleep, at other times none at all. Sulphonal is useful only as a hypnotic, and Bresslauer, of Vienna, claims that danger lurks around its administration (Lancet, April 4, 1891), and that out of seventy-seven patients treated with this drug seven showed

serious symptoms, and death resulted in five of these. Here the drug had been pushed for quite some time in good doses, and the patients stood it well until costiveness, dark colored urine, slow and feeble pulse, prostration and purpuric patches set in, ending probably in pulmonary oedema and heart failure.

Chloralamid possesses some analgesic power besides being a pleasant and reliable hypnotic in 30 to 40 grain doses. Chloralamid always serves effectively, but in some cases where other hypnotics in full doses had failed, the writer has derived the best effect from the hyoscyamine hydrobromate in 1/72 gr. doses, given at late bed-time and repeated twice the next day, the last dose being at late bed-time. The salt acted in a most satisfactory manner, the delirium tremens subsiding by degrees and perfect sleep setting in, to continue eight to ten hours. Dr. Graves gave tartar emetic with tineture of opium, in violent delirium tremens, but Dr. Murchison suggests digitalis as a vascular sedative, combining it with the liq. opii sed. given in camphor water and with the sweet spirits of nitre: say ten drops each of the opiate and tr. digitalis every hour until sleep has occurred. Murchison also suggests a pill of 1 gr. of opium with 3 grs. of camphor, and also the above named mixture with 20 minims of sulphuric ether for each dose.

In great restlessness it is a question whether the induction of sleep is worth the risk run in pressing the opiate. We know the patient must succumb or lose his mind if he gets no sleep; that his heart is enfeebled to the last degree, and that sleep is more to him than food for the time being, but we know also that the congested face, the suffused eye, and the contracted pupil suggest the profound coma following the full use of opium, which is not that unconscious repose which we crave for our unhappy patient. Dr. Maefarlan, of Edinboro', says that in the insomnia of women, after post-partem hæmorrhage, an injection of morphia with a little alcohol is the remedy. In the insomnia

after confinement Prof. Jas. Y. Simpson of Edinboro' advocated the tinct-cimici-

fuga.

The hypodermic injection, if pushed far enough, will nearly always cause our patient to sleep, but it is a dangerous process-not so much from the immediate danger to the patient, but because of the great likehood of his contracting the morphia habit. Nothing is so sweet to the sufferer from neuralgia, or of delirum tremens, and nothing so soothing as the hypodermic injection of 1 to 1 of a grain of morphia. An injection into the bowel of 40 drops of tinct. opium in an ounce of starch water will also do wonders in promoting sleep. The same may be said of chloral by rectal injection, in twice the dose by the mouth, and in starch water enough only to be retained to lesson the sharpness of the drug on the bowel.

Among the agents lately suggested as valuable hypnotics are suppositories of various drugs, as of opium or morphia; one of 10 grs. chloral hydrate with $\frac{1}{120}$ gr. of sulph. atropia; another of 15 grs. chloral, 5 to 10 grs. mono-bromide of camphor with $\frac{1}{100}$ gr. hydrobr mate hyoscin is highly spoken of.

To any of these may be added, as indicated, the watery extract of opium, of cannabis indica, of hyoscyamus, or of The alcoholic extract of opium yields good results as an agent for the rectal suppository. The use of suppositories serves to rest the stomach, which in protracted diseases, in conditions attended with nausea or hæmorrhage of the stomach, and insomnia of long continuance, is too often in an irritable state and should be left in peace so as to receive food well and such remedies by the mouth as canno the given by the bowel and by the bowel and by the skin. One point to remember in using suppositories is that much of the power of the drug is lost in the bulky vehicle with which it is incorporated. When an anodyne or hypnotic cannot be given by the mouth the writer prefers to administer a single full dose by

the bowel. The longer he uses the hypodermic method the greater is his dread of imposing the morphia habit on his patient, and of incurring accidents—although we now can accurately adjust our dose by the tablet system, and thus minimize the danger—Notes on New Remedies.

HORSEWHIPPING A LADY PATIENT,

A NEW METHOD OF CURING HYSTERIA.

Dr. Oscar Wiederhold, the proprietor of a home for nervous patients at Wilhelmshohe, a health resort, near Cassel, was recently convicted of the systematic and wilfulill-treatment of a lady-patient, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment. The patient is the wife of the Imperial Consul-General at Dresden, Herr Zachmann, and the case excited great indignation all over Germany. The accused denied that he had acted illegally, but admitted that he had thrashed the lady in question as an extreme measure to cure her of the acute hysteria from which she was suffering. In the course of his interrogation the prisoner told the Court that he had studied in Marburg, Berlin, and Heidelburg, and had made a special study of the treatment of nervous complaints and had practised in various clinics at Bonn and Wiesbaden. He then took up the private asylum at Wilhelmshohe. did not accept as patients insane or epileptic persons. This, he admitted, was not the first occasion on which he had resorted to corporal punishment when all other means failed in dealing with nervons patients. In three previous instances had similarly drastic measures been called for. The whippings he administered were not intended as a means of discipline, but were designed to stimulate the patient's enfeebled will-power. He maintained that ninety out of every hundred nervous patients required very vigorous treatment. Frau Zachmann, who is 5I years

of age was placed under his care in August, 1891. Dr Berthold, who handed her over to him, gave him a history of her case, explaining that she suffered from acute hysteria, and that three doctors who had examined her had found that she was otherwise in a normal state of health. She complained constantly of pains in the lower part of the back, but no caus for any such pains could be discovered, and Dr. Berthold recommended energetic and strict treatment. Immediately after her admission to the home Frau Zachmann began to groan and cry out so much as to disturb the other patients. She would not listen to reason, and when shaken by the shoulder only became more violent, her screams being so loud that they could be heard in the street. Dr. Wiederhold declared that he remonstrated with her in the presence of her husband, shaking her by the shoulder, and even threatening to beat her. This went on for some time, and the lady's case, instead of improving, became more desperate When Dr. Wiederhold entered the room screamed at him so loudly and continu ously that he was unable to speak to her. He then tried to box her ears, but she deftly warded off the blows with her The desired effect was produced for a brief interval, but next day the screaming was renewed, and the patient continued to complain incessantly of bodily pain. At last Dr. Wiederhold told her that if she did not keep quiet he would have to thrash her with a He denied that he swore at her stick. or called her an old hag. Next morning he was awakened by renewed shricking on the part of the patient. Unable to bear it any longer, he dressed himself, went up to her room, and thrashed her with a thin cane. The lady was in bed when this punishment was administered. In reply to the judge, the accused stated that the cane he used was a very thin He had employed it on previous occasions to correct his four-year-old son. As soon as Frau Zachmann ceased calling out he ceased to beat her. The prisoner, further interrogated, gave the following

account of his chastising the lady subsequently with a horsewhip:-"After beating her with the cane, I begged her not to compel me to have recourse again to such extreme measures. A few days later, however, I was obliged to administer similarly energetic punishment. While my consultations were going on Frau Zachmann screamed out so frightfully that people stopped in the street to I took a riding-whip and went up to her room. She was lying in bed. I appealed to her to keep quiet, and she paid no attention to my words, I seized her by the shoulder, turned her round, and gave her several lashes with the riding-whip. The fact that the weals caused by the whipping were still visible two months later was not due to the severity of the blows, but to the circumstance that the patient was unable to take proper nourishment. In a healthy subject the marks would have disappeared much sooner. From that point onwards Frau Zachmann was a most docile patient, which proves that the remedy I employed was efficacious.

Intra-Thoracic Surgery.—Dr. De-Forest Willard (American Journal of the Medical Sciences) says:

The bronchus in dogs can be reached either anteriorly or posteriorly through the chest-walls, but the anatomical position is in such close proximity to large and important structures that safe incision is a matter of extreme difficulty and danger.

Bronchotomy through the walls of the thorax is an operation attended with great shock from collepse of the lungs, and, until technique is further advanced, is liable to result in immediate death.

Collapse of the lung is more serious in a healthy organ than in one previously crippled by disease.

The serious inherent difficulties are: shock; suffication from lung collapse; enormous risks of hæmörrhage from pulmonary vessels; injury of, or interference with, the pneumogastric; great

and fatal delays owing to the exaggerated movement of the root of the lung caused

by the excessive dyspnæa.

Closure of the bronchial slit is slow and dangerous. To leave it open causes increasing pneumothorax by its valve action, and also permits the entrance of septic air into the pleural cavity.

Although a foreign body can be reached by this route, yet removal is hazardous. To secure a subsequent complete cure seems in the present state of knowledge very problematical.

When the presence of a foreign body in the bronchus is definitely determined, and ordinary voluntary expulsion has not been accomplished, there is great danger in permitting it to remain, even though it may but partially obstruct the tube. The risks both of immediate and of subsequent inflammation are serious.

Low tracheotomy is, then, advisable when the presence of a foreign body is certain; it adds but little to the risks, and affords easier escape for the object even when extraction is not feasible.

Subsequent dangers arise from severe and prolonged instrumentation, not from tracheotomy.

Voluntary expulsion is more probable

after than before tracheotomy.

Tracheotomy is permissible even after an object has been long in position, unless' serious lung changes have resulted.

The question of tracheotomy will depend largely upon the form, size, and

character of the foreign body.

The term bronchotomy should be limited to an opening of the bronchus, and should not be employed to designate

higher operations.

The risks from thoracotomy and bronchotomy following unsuccessful tracheotomy are much greater than the dangers incurred by permitting the foreign body to remain.—Amer. Lancet.

MANAGEMENT OF GUNSHOT WOUNDS OF THE ABDOMEN.—Dr. H. C. Dalton (Annals of Surgery) says that there are

four cardinal points in the management of the abdomen, viz:

- 1. Have everything in readiness, the patient thoroughly prepared, the abdomen thoroughly cleaned, and the surrounding surfaces covered with antiseptic cloths before an anæsthetic is administered. I have seen patients kept under an anæsthetic for ten or fifteen minutes while the operator and assistant were getting things ready. This materially lessens the chances for recovery, for it is well known that the shorter the period of anæsthesia the less the shock, etc.
- 2. After the abdomen shall have been opened, the first business in hand should be to find the source of the hæmorrhage, if any, and check the same. I speak from sad experience on this point, for I believe I lost a patient from lack of the observance of this rule. While sewing up gunshot holes in the small intestines, which were not bleeding, and the closing of which could just as well have been delayed, a fatal hæmorrhage was going on at another point.
- 3. As far as possible the intestines should be kept in the peritoneal cavity. I know, however, that this cannot always be done. All know that useless handling of the gut, and the dragging upon its mesentery, as well as the exposure to cold, etc., adds greatly to the shock.

4. To finish the operation at as early a moment as possible, consistent with the proper management of the same.

It is impossible to lay down hard and fast rules for the government of the surgeon in his dealings with these cases, as the difficulties in each must be surmounted as they arise.—Amer. Lancet.

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The twenty-first Congress of the French Association for the Advancement of Science, will be held this year at Pau, from September 15 to 22.

Ontario Medical Journal.—The first issue of this journal will appear about the 15th of August. It is the organ of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, and is supplied by order of Council to every medical practitioner in Ontario free. It is to appear under the editorial management of R. B. Orr, M. D., of Toronto, Ontario.

Dr. Sajous Knighted.—Dr. Charles E. Sajous, Belgian Consul in Philadelphia, and editor of *The Medical Annual*, has been appointed a Knight of the Legion of Honor of France by President Carnot, for his services to the French colony and to science, as an American of French descent. Dr. Sajous went to Paris last May to translate his *Medical Annual*, and he expects to make Paris his home for the next three years.

According to the British Medical Journal for July 30th, a resolution was passed at the recent meeting of the British Medical Association at Nottingham, expunging a section of the articles of association that provided that no female should be eligible for election as a member of that association. The question was first agitated in 1878, when it was decided, by a large majority, to make no change. This recent action reflects credit on the association.

Vaccination in Italy.—The Sanitary Inspector states that a new vaccination law went into effect in Italy with the beginning of this year, which requires that every child shall be vaccinated before it is six months old, and again at eight, or at any time whenever the sanitary authority deems it necessary to premote individual or public safety. Those who are not vaccinated and revaccinated according to the requirements of the law, are excluded from schools, fac-

tories, workshops, benevolent institutions, etc. Provieion is also made for the cultivation of both animal and human iymph. This has a direct interest for people in this country in view of the large and constantly increasing Italian immigration.—Med. Aug. Report.

BOOK REVIEWS..

Memoir of LeBaron Botsford, M. D., by his niece, Frances E. Murray, Saint John. J. & A. MacMillan. This book. we understand, is the first biography published of a New Brunswick physician. It is written by his niece, Miss Frances Murray. The frontispiece, an engraving of Dr. Botsford, is a particularly good likeness. The memoir describes, in an interesting way, Dr. Botsford's early home, parentage, studentdays in Glasgow, and his subsequent professional life in Woodstock and Saint John. A considerable portion of the book deals with the deeply religious tone of his character which was unusually marked. The book, which is written in a pleasant and easy style, will be found interesting reading by Dr. Botsford's many old friends as well as others.

Hotes and Comments.

The "Vis Medicatrix," the organ of the Iowa State Medical Society, has been discontinued by the decision of the society not to journalize its transactions this year.

It is very desirable that the Maritime Provinces should not continue to be virtually (numerically) unrepresented at the meeting of the Canadian Medical Association. Two or three of our best medical men have generally been found at the meetings, but the numerical representation is small. Cannot several go this year from each of the larger cities and others from the country, and show that we have not lost interest in our confreres further west. Certain it

is that the Upper Canadian members and the local officers of the Association will give our Maritime Province men a warm welcome.

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Professor Osler on Specialists.—Professor Osler, of the John P. Hopkins University, in his address before the recent meeting of the American Pædiatric Society at Boston, made some thoughtful remarks concerning the true basis of specialized medicine. Dr. Osler believes heartily in the specialist who builds up his specialty on the firm

basis of a general knowledge of the healing art. His study of medical history shows him that our art began with specialists. The *Papyros Ebers* is largely taken up with specialized practice; and centuries later we find Aristophanes satrizing the rectum specialist of his day in a way not unlike that of our comic papers when they wish to joke about an oculist or aurist of the present day. So that, as Osler wittly remarks, "the tail of the serpent emblematic of medicine is correctly figured as having been returned to his mouth; at no age of the world has specialism been so rife."

But Dr. Osler does not love all who "do special work;" he contemns utterly the ready-made variety of specialist. regards the latter as an actual detriment to the profession. He says: "A serious danger is the attempt to manufacture rapidly a highly complex structure from ill-seasoned material. The more speedy success that often comes from the cultivation of a specialty is a strong incentive to young men to adopt early a particular line of work. How infrequently are we consulted by sucklings in our ranks as to the most likely branch in which to succeed, or a student, with the brazen assurance that only ignorance can give, announces that he intends to be a gynæcologist or an oculist! No more dangerous members of our prefession exist than those born in it, so to speak, as specialists. out any broad foundation in physiology or pathology, ignorant of the great processes of disease, no amount of technical skill can hide from the keen eyes of colleagues defects that too often require the arts of the charlatan to hide them from the public."

If Dr. Osler's way and the rule by which he has guided his own course could have sway, every specialist would be a classical scholar as well as a thorough all-round physician and surgeon before he considered himself in a position to make a judicious choice as to the special line of practice best suited to his tastes and capacity.—N. Y. Med. Jour.

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country, as is shown by the fact that all the States, Territories, the neighbouring Dominion and the west india Islands are represented in the list of matriculates.

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