

bleeding. Under a generous diet and tonics he continued to improve and recovered.

My impression is that the profunda femoris was divided by the ball in the first instance, and a clot had fortunately closed the divided ends of the vessel, and was unfortunately displaced. But it probably remained long enough to allow a partial collateral circulation to be established, and that contributed a great deal to the fortunate result of the operation.

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*A Case of Traumatic Tetanus treated by Chloral Hydrate and the Bromide of Potassium; Recovery.* By GEORGE N. MONETTE, M.D., Physician to St Anna's Asylum, New Orleans, Louisiana.

On March 10th, 1875, I vaccinated Lizzie D., aged two years, on the left leg, three inches below the knee. The successive stages of a successful vaccination progressed favourably until the crust fell on Sunday, April 4th. Ignorant friends had grave forebodings on account of the granulated phase of the cicatrix, and suggested the application of a poultice of bread and milk. This was perseveringly applied until Wednesday, when I was sent for. I found that the child had traumatic tetanus, and apprised the mother of the origin of the convulsions. I began the immediate use, internally, of chloral hydrate and bromide of potassium in 10 grain doses, every three hours, until their administration caused her to fret, reproducing the spasms. Any effort, either at laughing or crying, would excite muscular spasm. I substituted rectal enemata of same medicines in fifteen grain doses every three hours, *pro re nata*, sometimes combined with paregoric in 3j doses. Through the inexpertness of the nurses, some of each enemata was ejected, hence a protracted suffering. The spasms were typical; opisthotonos decided, and trismus complete. The spasms continued for eighteen days, with more or less abatement of their violence, which was due to the impression which the family had in regard to the inability of any remedial intervention. I sustained the patient *per rectum*, giving beef-tea and starch enemata. I also directed beef-tea and rice-water, also milk to be given by mouth, whenever she would or could swallow. However, the act of deglutition seemed to provoke a spasm. I used bottles of hot water, wrapped with flannel wrung from hot water, placed along the spine and extremities, with happy effect. Moderately violent spasms continued until as late as the twenty-third day, when they appeared to yield to the specific influence of the remedies used. During the length of her attack she took 1800 grains of chloral and the same amount of bromide of potassium. She has almost entirely recovered from the violence of the attack (May 28th). She has an unsteady and somewhat tottering gait. I anticipate a restitution of muscular tonicity and development by repeated friction. I have no fears as to her ultimate and complete recovery. This is the only case that I ever saw get well or cured of tetanus. I may be in error in ascribing her recovery to the remedies, as the spasms may have been discontinued coincidently with the cicatrization of the vaccination pustule.

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*Case of Retro-Uterine Hematocoele, discharging through the Rectum, and terminating in Recovery.* By J. M. GREENE, M.D., of Aberdeen, Miss.

On the 29th of January, 1875, I visited Mrs. T., aged 32; married, having two children. Menstruation, which occurred at the age of 14,

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