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I shall be very grateful for any suggestions as to treatment, both preventive and of the attacks, having tried caulophyllin and pulsatilla, belladonna, opium, chloroform, hyoseyamus, nitrite of amyl, permanganate of potash, and the whole routine of hot enemata, foot and hip baths, sinapisms, etc., without avail; hypodermic injections of morphine being the only treatment that seems to control the pain. An examination is objected to.

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MR. W. A. GARRY, L.K.Q.C.P.I., etc. (Thornhill, near Dewsbury), writes: P. S., aged 39, second pregnancy; first child born eighteen years ago. Labour began on the morning of January 18th. I was sent for at 11 P.M. same date. On arrival, I found the os not quite the size of a five shilling piece. Waters had come away some hours before I was called to see the case; pains very feeble, and with long intervals between them, although I was informed by the nurse that they were both strong and frequent from 2 P.M. till 10 P.M. I gave her an enema, and got her to walk about for some time, in the hopes of bringing on the pains, but with little effect. After remaining an hour, and finding that there was little or no progress, I left, but went to see her again at 2.30 A.M., January 19th. This time the pains came on rapidly; and were exceedingly strong. Still no progress, pulse rapid, temperature high, tongue uniformly coated and dry; patient was becoming rapidly exhausted. I determined to deliver as speedily as possible, and with this view gave chloral, gr. 15, and intended to repeat the dose every half hour till she had taken a drachm, but was pleased to find, on making a vaginal examination half an hour after administering the second dose, that the os had dilated sufficiently to allow me to deliver by the forceps. Patient made an uninterrupted recovery, and was able to superintend her household duties on the ninth day.

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this drug in the freatment of the above condution, I am of opinion that it is vastly superior to any other pharmacopocial preparation, when properly administered and with due precautions (should not be given, or at least very cautiously, in a case where fatty heart or atheromatous arteries is suspected), and would strongly recommend my young medical friends to give it a trial before a topting extreme measures, which, in my opinion, are rarely if ever required.

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COFFEE AND COLD WATER.

A CURIOUS and amusing instance of the way in which pathological facts misinterpreted may be made to support a theory which is strongly held, is afforded by the following passage from a letter of the Princess Palatine, mother of Philippe d'Orleans, légent of France, published in a life of that princess, recently issued by Chapman and Hall. The princess, it should be said, had a rooted aversion to coffee, which she considered a most dangerous haverage.

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"I am grieved to learn," she writes to a friend, "that you have taken to coffee; nothing is so unhealthy; and I have seem many who have had to give it up because of the diseases it has brought upon them. The Princess Hanau died of it in frightful sufferings. After her death they found the coffee in her stomach, where it had caused several small ulcers."

Madame d'Orleans had, however, an almost equal suspicion of cold water. Writing to a friend to announce his sudden death, she says:

"M. de Louvois's habit of drinking cold water has brought him no good, but I do not know whether it is mineral or spring water which hurt him." He had been recently taking the mineral waters of Forges. The Princess's own taste was peculiar, for she was very fond of beer-soup and black puddings, and prided herself on having "brought raw ham into fashion" at the Court of Louis XIV. Louis XIV.

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