

papers to say so. The case is only of interest now, as the horrible man has since "expiated his guilt", as I believe the phrase is; he seems to have been most collected and religious (curiously and revoltingly so) up to the last; he had no object in going out of the world telling a lie; and he says he never used chloroform, but a cheaper and easier way of destroying his unhappy victims. It is a great pity the idea is favoured in two out of our four weekly medical journals, that chloroform is very dangerous, and kills instantaneously. Mr. Thackeray and other novelists make use of the fact, copied from such authorities; but it is one of John Hunter's "false facts". It gives chloroform a bad name it does not deserve. I believe if this man tried to kill his children by chloroform, he could scarcely do it; though Dr. Taylor quoted the views of Dr. Snow six or eight years old. And as to robberies under chloroform so common in newspapers of late, they are evidently nonsensical. I am, etc.,

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