## Relief of Fainting.

A. A. Hawkins, Pittsburgh, mentions a procedure which he first observed in St. Peter's Hospital, London, in 1899. It was the custom of the surgeons then to pass bougies and sounds with the patient standing, and occasionally one would faint. In that case he was seated in a vacant chair beside the surgeon and his head was pressed down between his knees, thus retarding the return circulation and relieving the brain anemia. A minute in this position was sufficient. It renders the horizontal position unnecessary.—J. A. M. A.

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