

A full description of the extremely severe symptoms of a case of intestinal auto-intoxication is given. The case improved steadily under the following treatment.

The stomach was washed out with a large quantity of water containing naphtholin, 1 in 1,000; he was given a calomel purge, and a cachet of grains 6 of cryogeninc. A diet of milk and eggs was ordered. Under the influence of this treatment the temperature became normal from the second day. A manifest amelioration was noticed in the digestive functions.

The alimentation was then increased. To the milk and eggs were added in progressive doses 200 grammes of raw meat. The patient took in addition a little roasted chicken and some leguminous soup. The general condition soon improved, and the patient who had been confined to his bed was able to get up, move around in the house and take some short walks outdoors. The condition of the digestive functions was not yet very satisfactory, as the patient often had colic some hours after food. The stomach was frequently tympanitic and at the level of the caecum and the descending colon, pain and gurgling could be elicited. The patient had several relapses of diarrhoea. Constipation was the rule and the large lavages brought away mucus in considerable quantity. The temperature was sometimes subnormal. We prescribed the *locto-farina-ceous* diet without altogether suppressing meats. At seven in the morning he took some phosphates in milk; at eleven some soup, the yellow of two eggs, chicken, bean puree and dried cake; at six the same diet, but soup made with water was replaced by one made with milk. The quantity of milk allowed per day was about one quart. The patient was instructed to drink only between meals. Combe affirms that the separation of solids and liquids in this way diminishes notably intestinal fermentation.

Under the influence of this regime the condition of the functions were greatly improved, the malaise after meals disappearing. The stools no longer contained mucus and undigested fragments. The gurgling was no longer detected in the large intestine, nor were there attacks of fever or diarrhoea. He has followed this line of diet for seven months and declares that he never was better so far as his digestion is concerned. Daily douches, subcutaneous injections of arseniate of strychnine, and electrization of the intestines are also useful. The latter has a happy effect in regulating the bowels. This method of treatment is not only useful in cases of intestinal auto-intoxication but in case of muco-membranous entero-colitis.