

thirst. After the stomach has rested for 24 hours, a little meat broth, beef juice or gruel may be given every two hours. If there be much depression stimulants are to be given by the mouth if retained, if not hypodermically. Milk, being the natural culture medium for these bacteria, and also the vehicle for their dissemination, must be rigidly excluded from the diet. If the evacuation of the poison be thorough, the stomach be allowed sufficient time for rest, the exclusion of milk be absolute, careful feeding with stimulants as required will ensure recovery in the majority of sub-acute cases.

The treatment of acute infectious diarrhoea or true cholera infantum is very unsatisfactory. Most cases go on to a fatal termination uninfluenced by treatment. The only hope of success depends upon the ability of the physician to recognize the condition in the early stage, and to appreciate the necessity for immediate action—delay means death. When seen early the stomach should be washed out with saline solution (a teaspoonful in a pint). The bowels must be irrigated and calomel given in divided doses as in the sub-acute cases.

For the second indication, to neutralize the effect of the poison, nothing has been found to equal morphine and atropine. For a child, a year old, a tablet (morphine $\frac{1}{4}$ gr., atropine $\frac{1}{100}$ gr.) may be dissolved in an ounce of water, and a hypodermic of this given every hour till the system is quieted and a favorable reaction produced. To allay irritability and induce sleep 10 drops of Bromidia or 15 drops Tr. Hyoscyamus may be given in a little glycerine and water as often as required. Cerebral symptoms are best controlled by the ice cap, and when there is high temperature and restlessness frequent sponging will be useful. To allay thirst and supply the lack of fluid in the blood, a saline solution (three grains to the ounce) must be injected into the loose cellular tissue of the chest or abdomen—not less than a pint in 24 hours. Stimulants, drinks and nourishment must be given as prescribed for subacute cases. In cases of collapse hot mustard baths, hot bottles around the patient, and friction, etc., for the extremities, will be found beneficial.

The features peculiar to infectious diarrhoea which we wish to emphasize are :