

The duration of this peculiar diarrhœa adiposa (so named by Sauvages) is very various—from a few days, as in the present case, up to six years. The prognosis, of course, depends more upon the nature of the morbid condition producing it than upon the quantity of fat discharged.

Very little is to be said about the treatment. My case recovered without any treatment. Griscom and Elliotson report cases from the administration of olive oil, which seems rather Hahnemannic ; but whether the case was *post hoc* or *propter hoc* is not very evident. Six to eight ounces of whiskey daily only was needed in another case, reported by Griscom in the New York Hospital, to stop the fatty discharge, which reappeared when the whiskey was not taken. Dr. Wells reports a singular case, where 3 gills of fat was passed daily for over two years, and which recovered in a few weeks by the patient leaving his trade as a carpenter and taking to farming.

The literature on this subject is not very extensive, most authors having very little or nothing to say upon the subject. Probably the fullest account of it is given by Dr. Woodward in the "Medical History of the War of the Rebellion," Vol. II., which was kindly sent me by my friend Dr. Osler, and from which I have procured much of the information given in this paper. I am also indebted to Dr. Osler for this specimen of fat (now presented) passed by my patient, my own supply having, unfortunately, been destroyed.

DROPSY OF THE ANTRUM—PUNCTURED AND DRAINED—CURE.

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Richard W., aged 10, was first brought to me for advice in the beginning of October 1881, in reference to a fullness of the left cheek and prominence of the malar process on that side. He was a delicate-looking lad, belonging to a somewhat strumous family, but had enjoyed fair health up to the present. During the previous winter he had been hit by a hard snow ball on that cheek, of the effects of which he had complained for some