

the infusion. The operation may be repeated in two or three hours.

Enteroclysis is even more warmly recommended by Cantani, a mixture of laudanum and tannic acid being employed. The following is the procedure: "If a slight attack of a seemingly simple diarrhoea does not yield at once to rest in bed and the administration of a dose or two of warm infusion or chamomile, to which chlorodyne or laudanum has been added in proper quantity, then recourse should be had, without loss of time, to the warm enteroclysis of tannic acid. This enteroclysis is essentially an injection into the colon, per rectum, of a considerable quantity of warm water holding in solution a certain percentage of tannin. The rectal syringe, by means of which the injection is made, is furnished with an elastic tube three meters in length, with a nozzle at the free extremity and a cock at the proximal end. With such an instrument, not only the whole length of the colon can be filled with the desired fluid, but also not infrequently a quantity can be made to pass beyond the ileo-cæcal valve into the small intestine.

"The tannic solution recommended by Cantani is constituted for an adult as follows:

R Boiled water or infusion of
 chamomile, warm, - 2 liters.
 Tannin, - - - - - 5 to 10 grammes.
 Laudanum, - - - - - 30 to 50 drops.
 Powdered gum arabic, - 50 grammes.

"The temperature of the mixture and the quantity to be injected should vary according to the age of the patient and other circumstances, in the judgment of the physician. The most convenient time for administration of an enteroclysis is immediately following an evacuation." (Shakespeare.)

MATTEISM.

This is a form of quackery which has assumed large proportions in England and the continent. Count Mattei professed to cure cancer "without the knife" by means of lotions and bottled electricity of various colours. Mr. W. T. Stead, in the *Review of Reviews*, and Lady Paget in another periodical, made strong representations in favour of the method, and in response to their representations a committee of investigation was formed by the British Medical Association in the early part of last year. This committee consisted of the late Sir Morell Mackenzie, Mr. Law-