TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN'S DISEASES. 247

Diarrhea.—Great care should be exercised by parents in checking the diarrhea of children. Many times serious diseases are brought on by parents being too hasty in checking this disorder of the bowels. It is an infant's method of removing obstructions and overcoming derangements of the system.

Summer complaint is an irritation and inflammation of the lining membranes of the intestines. This may often be caused by teething, eating indigestible food, etc.

If the discharges are only frequent and yellow, and not accompanied with pain, there is no cause for anxiety; but if the discharges are green, soon becoming gray, brown, and sometimes frothy, having a mixture of phlegm, and sometimes containing food undisgested, a physician had better be summoned.

For mild attacks the following treatment may be given:

Keep the child perfectly quiet, and keep the room well-aired.

Put a drop of tincture of camphor on a teaspoonful of sugar, mix thoroughly; then add six teaspoonfuls of hot water, and give a teaspoonful of the mixture every ten minutes. This is indicated where the discharges are watery, and where there is vomiting, and coldness of the feet and hands. Chamomilla is also an excellent remedy. Ipecac and nux vomica may also be given.

In giving homœopathic remedies, give five or six pellets every two or three hours.

The diet should be wholesome and nourishing.