

Enteric Fever.—Beef Tea *v.* Milk : Hæmorrhage.—

"In a case, now at the fourteenth day, there is looseness of the bowels. On examining the stool, I find a separate undigested curd of milk. This curd has acted as an irritant and induced the diarrhoea, therefore you must thin the milk, and replace it more or less by beef-tea. It has been too much the fashion to give much milk without due regard to its digestion. As remedies, you may give some starch with bismuth in enema." At the next visit, some hæmorrhage (of which the patient was kept in ignorance) was reported by the nurse. On inspection, it was found to be about half a pint of dark fluid blood, "Now, the most important point is, that this patient did not sit up for any purpose. A case which occurred during my student days impressed me very much. He had hæmorrhage like this, but did not seem very bad; his pulse was 84; his mind clear; he was allowed to rise to the night-stool: the hæmorrhage recurred, and ended fatally in a few minutes. A mesenteric artery had been opened. You must then by position, take off the weight of the blood-column. Omit milk altogether, the curd might irritate; give beef-tea and arrowroot; a little softened bread; a little brandy, two drachms every three or four hours, to improve the nerve-tone; give him three grains of the acetate of lead with acetic acid every four hours, and an opiate enema night and morning. Observe there is no great distension of abdomen, and there is no tremor. I conclude the ulceration is not deep. When tremor is disproportionate to other nerve symptoms, it indicates more depth of ulceration. The patient did well.—SIR W. JENNER, BART., in *British Medical Journal*, Oct, 28.

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