

“sour steam,” the chemical reaction between acid and alkali being appreciable by the “fizzing extending to the upper part of the head” (coronal suture). All eructations, solid or liquid, are sour and frothy. The eructative act brings thick, ropy mucus, this being absent when water has been partaken of freely. The breath is at times somewhat offensive. Constipation is characteristic, fæcal movements occurring every second day; this condition sometimes obtains till the supervention of diarrhœa, after which relief is experienced. Formerly distension of the abdomen has been present, and been relieved only by the passage of gases from the rectum; now eructations render the bloating less.

The stomachal region has been the seat of tenderness upon pressure, although at the present this is not so pronounced. Palpation of the epigastric region shows slight resistance to deep pressure, but no definite condition of the tissues can be elicited. Vertigo has been a symptom for two months past, and has been observed chiefly in the morning upon rising. The taste is offensive. Two days ago, œdema of the face, dorsal regions of the hands and feet, and legs developed.

*General Physical Examination.*—The sclerotics are yellowish-brown in color; an arcus senilis exists. The pharyngeal mucous membrane is hyperæmic and relaxed, and the tonsils are enlarged. The tongue is protruded tremulously, and covered with a whitish-yellow fur, ruffled in patches. There are no physical signs referable to the thyroid gland. The lungs are normal; but, as is observed in many aged people, the vesicular murmur is extraordinarily loud in all regional divisions of the thorax, and approximates the bronchial respiration in pitch. Physical signs of aortic obstruction are present. It is to be noted that the murmur indicating this condition is audible with greater intensity over the carotid arteries. The area of superficial cardiac dulness is enlarged one inch to the left of the left nipple. The radial arteries are thick and firm, but not atheromatous. The pulse is of medium volume, low tension, and normal rhythm; it registers 59 beats each minute. The temperature is normal. The skin is dry and flaky; the muscles