ally fail in making ourselves sufficiently understood; and if we depreciate the peril in which he stands, he may disregard all precaution. In many cases we find a degree of apathy existing, which cannot be regarded in any other light than that of absolute fatuity. Patients are met with, in whom a diarrhœa has run on for many days, and yet they have never bestowed a thought upon it, until they have been startled by the accession of cramps, vomiting, and watery limpid stools; when we interrogate them, they confess that they " have had a lax" for several days; but they " thought nothing about it, for there was no pain;" they have been unusually thirsty, and have indulged freely in the use of fluids—indeed we generally find that the violent symptoms first appear after an unusually copious draught, to allay the thirst, which alone attracts their attention.

" Nec sentit fatigue genus, mortemque veneni :
Sed puſtat esse sitim."

It will often be found, that if the patient be merely enjoined to remain tranquil, and to abstain from every kind of ingesta, without our prescribing, at the same time, something in the shape of medicine, he will take just as much of our advice as he judges necessary—he does not suppose that anything can be wrong when the doctor orders no medicine, and he consequently sees no danger that can arise from indulging his inclinations—he indulges—and too often his life is the price of his own temerity. It will therefore always be the part of prudence to order some medical remedies; and our directions for their use should be given in such a way as will give an idea of importance to their regular administration. It is true this wears the appearance of imposture; but no man will ever chide us for cheating him into his life, when death may have been within a few hours of him. If the derangement of the bowels be very slight, a grain or two of the blue mass, with the same quantity of rhubarb, will, in general, be all that is necessary; this may be repeated every three or four hours, until the symptoms subside, or regular healthy stools be produced. Should the bowels have been ra-