

her for three or four weeks. She presented the usual symptoms of a rapidly progressing case. Under two months treatment with a diet devoid of nearly all amylaceous principles, using flesh, milk, and Camplin's bran biscuit, with the use of ordinary remedies she had in so far recovered as to be able for a time to attend to her household duties, and was otherwise active. While thus improved, she was urged to still further improve her condition, as she seemed to have stopped gaining. Falling into the homœopathic delusion and coming under the care of a certain practitioner of that so-called system in Toronto, who promised, without at all restricting diet, to cure her by very small and easily taken white soluble powders, and stated that he had cured every case treated by him, with a single exception, she began this treatment with enthusiastic faith. Under it from the latter part of November 1871 to the 10th of January 1872, she gradually grew weaker. The specific gravity of the urine was for a time considerably diminished. It previously ranged from 1.029 to 1.038. On the 10th of January the quantity of urine was sixteen pints, sp. gr. 1.033, abundance of sugar, emaciation, excessive thirst, and weakness so great as to require help from cutter into my office, distressing pruritus vulvæ.

At the recommendation of my esteemed friend, Dr. C. Archibald, of Toronto I determined to give Cantani's treatment a trial and pending the arrival of a supply of lactic acid, ordered abstinence from starch and sugar with the use of Camplin's bran cakes (which by the way can be made fresh, and moderately palatable), with the use of the effervescing citrate of ammonia containing in each dose grs. v of Ferri et Strychnæ citras, *ter die*, also gr. ½ pul. opu. after each meal with gr. j *hora somni*, and an antipruriginous lotion. In three days, when the acid had arrived, strength was much improved, quantity six pints, sp. gr. 1.031½, abundance of sugar by Moore's test, pulse 96, respirations 21, weight 116 pounds.

In this condition she began taking the acid 13th Jan. (3) *ter die* in water with a rigidly meat diet. 14th Jan. the acid seemed with each dose to produce severe pains in loins and limbs, gave an opiate, quantity five and a half pints in the last 24 hours, during which she drank only six tumblerfuls of water, three of which were at meals, and contained each a dose of the acid which forms quite a pleasant *sour drink*, quite as palatable as dilute lime-juice. Sp. gr. of urine 1.032, which, on being tested for sugar by Moore's test, did not