

Since he was seventeen years of age has suffered from constipation. The present condition of the patient is as follows: Complains of constipation; drowsiness and slight gastric distress after eating; appetite good; tongue clean; position of greater curvature of stomach is an inch above the umbilicus. Analysis of gastric contents after test breakfast indicates a slight degree of hyperchlorhydria. No sign of hypersecretion; stomach free from gastric juice in the morning. The deep reflexes are exaggerated. Patient does not sleep well. No sign of organic disease of the nervous system. Other organs normal. Patient is placed on a diet suitable for hyperchlorhydria, and a mixture containing sodium bicarbonate and aromatic cascara administered.

Jan. 26th, 1905.—Patient is taken at 1 a.m. with vomiting and pain in the region of the stomach. The pain is variable in degree, being slight at one time and very severe at another. Vomiting gives partial relief. The first vomitus contained food eaten the previous evening and was very acid. No quantitative determination was made. The vomiting continues after the stomach was washed out, and the vomiti still contain free hydrochloric acid and pepsin, but no particles of food. In about twelve hours the vomiting becomes less frequent and ceases on next morning.

Treatment consists in administration of codeine phosphate and bromides of sodium and strontium. No food while the patient is vomiting. Then the treatment adopted before the attack is resumed.

After a few weeks patient left the city, and since then no report has been received concerning his condition.