

eaten unripe fruit, or vegetables not perfectly fresh, the symptoms of colic, with or without diarrhœa, soon manifest themselves. There is flushing of the face; more or less activity of the perspiratory glands; a binding, gnawing pain along the greater curvature of the stomach, with nausea, often amounting to emesis. The pain may be very intense, but is neither increased nor diminished by pressure. The diarrhœa which follows may be profuse, liquid and henteric, if the ingesta are forced along the canal by the peristaltic action. Should any undigested matter remain, the discharge is scant and unsatisfying, while tormina and tenesmus are prominent. This form of summer complaint yields readily to appropriate treatment, leaving no ill effects. When the diarrhœa is due to constipation we shall usually have the history to guide us. The general symptoms are small, feculent discharges, usually liquid, the accumulated fæces acting as a foreign body and setting up an irritation; or small, round, hard masses may also be discharged. Hard, indurated swellings may often be made out along the course of the colon. There is a general sense of malaise.

2. Excessive fatigue occasions an ephemeral diarrhœa which has no especial history other than its exciting cause. In those cases wherein the flux is the result of anti-hygienic conditions, we will be apt to have more or less constitutional disturbance. The face will be pale and pinched, eyes sunken, with general emaciation. There is constant diarrhœa, painless and crapulous. Pulsë quick and shallow.

3. Obstruction of the portal circulation. The "bilious diarrhœa," of common parlance. What physician will not recognize the vertigo, the headache that comes and goes and is increased by physical activity, the bad taste in the mouth and coated tongue, the drowsiness and languor, and the foul odor of the discharges. The ideal disease of the laity.

4. Excessive mental excitement. This is the most severe and often the most obscure form of the disease. It will not yield to the usual astringents, and is accompanied by many distressing symptoms. We have a history of mental strain, at a time when the heat of the summer has been most intense.