

patient's condition, except that the bowels had become regular, while the headache and dizziness had practically disappeared. It was noticed, too, that the quantity of urine voided during the night was gradually diminishing. At the end of another month, a marked improvement was manifest, the normal color of the skin having been regained, while the bedding in the morning was found to be but slightly soiled. On June 15th, three months after the commencement of treatment, the mother reported her son cured, but was advised to continue with the medicine for another month, reducing the dosage to a third of a teaspoonful every other day. Nothing further was heard of the case until the 16th of December, on which date the mother called and stated that the boy had not relapsed into his former habit but once during the preceding six months, a mistake which she attributed to a hearty meal taken just before retiring.

A case even more troublesome than the above, was that of John D., a young man 18 years of age, who reported that he had "soaked the bed" nearly every night since he could remember, wetting through sheets and mattress (as well as blankets placed to absorb the urine). He was first seen two years ago, having, at that time, been treated unsuccessfully by several different physicians. I administered the usual remedies for two or three months, without benefit and the patient was soon lost sight of. Last September he again appeared for treatment, for another trouble, and, being asked regarding his old complaint, he stated that he was "just as bad as ever," and had given up all hopes of obtaining relief. An examination of his urine revealed a considerable quantity of urates and a high degree of acidity. He was finally persuaded to try a new course of treatment; and, having first been advised as to his diet, was at once put upon thialion—a teaspoonful three times a day. This heroic dosage was continued for a week, and then reduced to a teaspoonful every morning upon rising. The young man followed our directions carefully in regard to his diet, and took the medicine regularly for two months, at the end of which time he called at the office and reported himself cured. Three months have since elapsed, during which time he says he has retained his urine at night "as well as any one." He is of a nervous temperament, and his habits are of such a character, that, were there any doubt as to his being entirely cured, the fact would have offered itself long ago. The recovery of this case in so short a time is in many respects remarkable, and can be explained by the writer only on the ground that the patient had for a longtime been a victim of the uric acid diathesis. His bladder, too, was doing much of the work of the bowels. His stools had always been hard and dry, until taking the thialion, when they immediately became soft and "mushy" in consistence.



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