

A CASE OF SCLEROSIS OF THE STOMACH, COMPLICATED BY TUBERCULOUS PERITONITIS.

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Sala B., aged 67 years, a gentleman, married. General appearance anæmic, and hands and face oedematous. Height 5 feet 9 inches; slim and stooping. Total abstinence from alcoholic liquors; continuous indulgence during the past eighteen years in hot pepper-draughts, peppered pickles, and proprietary nostrums. Residence healthful. Had measles, whooping-cough, smallpox, inflammation of the bowels, and typhoid fever thirty years ago. From these affections the patient believes he has made uninterrupted recoveries.

Family History—Paternal grandfather's age and cause of death unknown. Paternal grandmother died at 79 years, disease unknown. Maternal grandfather died at 79 years, disease unknown. Maternal grandmother died at 74 years, of "dysentery." Father died at 66 years, of "consumption." Mother died at 42 years, of "palpitation of the heart." Two sisters died at 66 and 79 years respectively, of "consumption"; and a third died at 73 years, of "stomach trouble." One brother died at 76 years, of "putrid sore throat"; and another brother died at 58 years, of "erysipelas."

The symptoms about to be described are but exaggerated types of experiences that have been undergone during the past fifteen years.

Symptoms—For the last two months the symptoms have exhibited stomachal distress. It was at first found necessary to abstain from most meats, especially pork. Loss of appetite next developed, associated with restless and sleepless nights. Food has been spat up during the last three weeks, it having been observed that cabbage and beef eaten one week before had come away wholly undigested. The appetite demands but little food, after the ingestion of which, "pressure in the stomach" is felt, and continues for about half an hour. This symptom is relieved by the "belching of wind." A solution of bicarbonate of soda produces stomachal oppression, followed by the eructation of a