

butcher's, about a mile from town. On arriving, I found Mr. A——, his brother, and two hired men prostrated on the floor and bed, and laboring apparently under narcotico-irritant poisoning. The symptoms were vomiting, purging, burning pains in the stomach and bowels, cramps and contractions of the lower extremities, more or less stupor, constant thirst, pulse small and not much accelerated, except in one instance, and in that it was attended with cold clammy surface, and premonitory symptoms of collapse.

On hasty inquiry, I found that each patient had taken about a tumblerful of freshly churned butter-milk, except the last mentioned, who had taken twice the amount. Other members of the family, who had not taken the milk, were in their ordinary health. The milk was drank from an hour to an hour and a half, prior to commencement of symptoms, the first manifestation being that of giddiness. I also learned, that seven other individuals,—relatives of the family—and living in the village of Preston, had partaken of the same churning of butter-milk earlier in the day, with similar results, though of less severity. This of course was not known to the Galt family until within a short time of my arrival. The milk had been brought to Galt by Mr. A——'s father-in-law, immediately after churning.

The taste of the milk was as palatable as could be desired; and the friends positively asserted that it was impossible for poison to have got into it.

Judging from the facts, that ordinary mineral or vegetable poisons could scarcely be present, I administered ten drop doses of carbolic acid in albumen of egg, with the effect of quelling the emesis, and somewhat diminishing the frequency of the stools. The burning pains in the viscera and cramps in the legs remaining, I followed up the treatment by giving $1\frac{1}{2}$ gr doses of opium, after an interval of half an hour. In the worst case the opium was repeated; but in no case rejected by the stomach. Natural sleep occurred after varying intervals, and, on the following day, two were able to pursue their ordinary avocations, though aching limbs with general weariness and soreness still remained. Mr. A——, himself, who suffered most severely, did not recover for several days.

Mr. Henry Miller, Chemist and Druggist, kindly tested the