

the hands of a skillful and well discerning physician. At the beginning of the treatment, an emetic of ipecac (for base) and of sulphate of copper or zinc may be administered with great benefit, as these articles not only cleanse the stomach, but, moreover, strengthen that organ and enable it to perform its functions with more vigour and regularity ; for Ipecac and copper, as well as Zinc, together with their emetic property, are well known to possess also that of being gentle tonics.— A purge of calomel and rhubarb should likewise be given, if the case requires, and the bowels should be kept in their natural state as much and as permanently as possible, during the whole treatment. If the liver is disordered in its functions, calomel may be given as an alterative in the dose of a couple of grains daily, in order to effect a change in the secretions and excretions. But, when there is some degree of fever in the system, the use of mercury should be abstained from, as it then may prove injurious. If the patient is troubled with sour eructations, antacids should be given in well regulated doses. Lime, in solution, is a recommendable one, and far preferable to magnesia, as it possesses, at the same time, a tonic property. In all cases of indigestion and in many others which require, in a greater or less degree, and similar treatment, our beloved Prof. J. A. Allen, M. D., administers a favorite remedy which consists of a solution of caustic potash and of the compound tincture of aloes, in the proportion to about one of the former to two of the latter. This excellent composition operates altogether as an antacid, a stimulant and a laxative ; it proves to be, therefore, a very appropriate medicine in all cases where such combined operation is desirable. With the same intention, Dr. Good makes use of castil soap which operates in the same way, except that, after it has undergone decomposition in the stomach, the laxative effect of the oil, one of its constituents, is much more uniform, and not so much confined to the rectum, as we well know that of