

are graduated from a calculation, that their limits may be transgressed without risk, and we cannot in all cases, predict to what extent this transgression may reach; now, the state of the stomach, in this stage, is often such, that the slightest impression upon it will give full developement to the symptoms of the second, whereas, if it were allowed to be at perfect rest, nature would be quite able to re-establish the equilibrium of the functions, without any assistance from medicine. If possible, we ought always to place the patient under the immediate controul of a *male* attendant, who should watch every movement both of the nurse and of the relatives. If the person whom we select be *not* a relative, it will be so much the better, and he should always be a man of good sense and firm nerve. In the management of Cholera, at this period, and still more particularly in the subsequent one, we cannot be too punctilious; our commands should be absolute, decisive and clear—we should never suffer the slightest deviation from them; for the life of our patient may be the forfeit of the most trifling remission which we concede. Women are not to be trusted with the management of the patient, unless we cannot procure a good male attendant. This is a rule that should be more attended to, than may by many be supposed—they have not sufficient firmness, or rather they are possessed of too much tenderness to resist the almost irresistible entreaties which the patient often makes, for something to satiate his unquenchable thirst—so far as courage is concerned; to encounter the greatest personal danger, and affection, to undergo the most trying privations, our confidence in them may be unlimited—they never desert their post. Men are cowards by the bedside of pestilence, but women seem there to acquire energies beyond the powers of our conception. Perhaps one of the greatest difficulties which the practitioner has to encounter, is that of convincing the patient of the extent of his danger—if we represent his case to him in an exaggerated form, we may excite a degree of alarm that will prove highly prejudicial; if we attempt to describe his situation in its real nature, we will gener-