

degree, and tend to its remaining fifteen minutes, perhaps to continue down. Should it be rejected, repeat the dose. When this is well conducted, perfect stillness observed, even of speech, on the part of the patient and the bystanders, one dose, at most, will suffice to calm the organ and soothe the whole system. When this is established—say in half an hour—we may venture to give a tablespoonful of water or tartaric lemonade; in a few minutes more repeat this quantity, gradually increasing the quantity with caution and judgment, so as not to set vomiting once more agoing by the presence of a volume which the stomach will not endure. In a short time more the patient can be safely supplied with as much as is good for him, but never more at one time than three to four ounces at a single draught.

263. A larger quantity of opium than what has been recommended will overdo and paralyze the debilitated stomach beyond a safe point. As soon as it is ascertained that the stomach will bear it, a cup of good broth or beef tea may be added, and in time other appropriate nutriment.

264. *Diarrhœa*, previous to an attack of cholera, or cholérine, as it has been called. It is doubtful whether or not this affection of the bowels is really an antecedent of cholera, or that it is not either an ordinary looseness so commonly met with at all times