

There are extracts of malt which will scarcely effect the conversion of starch, but these we need scarcely say are worthless in the treatment of carbohydrate indigestion, although they may in palatability be perfectly acceptable. It is almost out of place to speak here of the many uses to which a good extract of malt may be put, but probably the most frequent occasion is in handling cases of ovarian troubles, with the very common indigestion accompanying, that of the starchy foods in particular. Extract of Malt (P. D. & Co.) will prove itself an efficient agent wherever the natural fluids are showing themselves to be unable to accomplish starch conversion, and its present high standard of activity in this direction may be depended upon even after the official guardianship of the Pharmacopoeia is dissolved.

MEKING ON THE FUNCTIONS OF THE STOMACH.—
The conclusions are:

1. The passage of the contents of the stomach into the intestine occurs at intervals through rhythmical opening and closing of the pylorus.
2. Fluid leaves the stomach more rapidly than more solid food. The (empty) stomach absorbs

no water. While the water of sodawater is not absorbed by the stomach the carbonic acid is absorbed in large quantities.

3. Alcohol is absorbed in large measure by the stomach.

Sugar (grape, milk, cane, maltose) in watery solution is absorbed in moderate quantity by the stomach, in alcohol solution, in somewhat larger quantity.

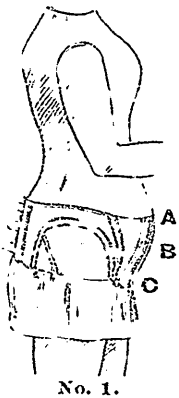
Dextrine, as well as peptone, is absorbed by the stomach, but to a less extent than is sugar. The quantity absorbed increases with the concentration of the solution.

Absorption in the stomach recalls, in many respects, the physical process of diffusion.—Supplement to *Centralblatt f. klin. Med.—Epitome of Medicine*.

Recent investigations have shown that chorea is really a paralytic state, in which the inhibitory centres are affected. Dorland and Potts, in the *University Medical Magazine*, endorse this view; as also does H. C. Wood in the *British Medical and Surgical Journal*. Pil. hæmatinic: (Howard's)
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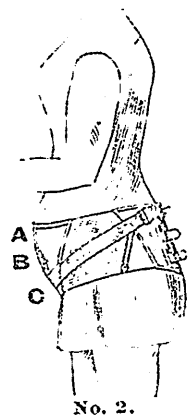


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