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### AN ANOMALOUS CASE OF TYPHOID FEVER.

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MR. PRESIDENT,—Typhoid fever is a disease with which we are all so familiar that one feels like apologizing for selecting it as an item for this evening's programme.

A recent case, however, which, through the kindness of Dr. Allan, I had the opportunity of studying, presented such atypical features in its onset and course, that I thought a recital would not only be interesting but also prove useful by pointing out the necessity for bearing this disease in mind, in any febrile condition, the nature of which is in doubt.

*History.*—The patient, a tailoress, aged 21, was admitted to St. Michael's Hospital, November 20th, 1902, with the following history: Several days previously she had swallowed a small cuff holder, and two days before admission, owing to severe epigastric pain, a physician was called in. She was then somewhat pale, the temperature was normal. The following evening she went to Dr. Allan's house, and while there was seized with a severe hematemesis, losing about half a wash basin of blood. The next morning she came to the hospital; there she complained of nausea and much epigastric pain and weakness; she was very pale, temperature, 98 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; resp. 24; pulse, 80. During the next four days she had six hemorrhages in all, the amounts lost varied from a pint to three ounces or less. On the fifth day the nurse reported the stool as being very free and dark in color. For the first nine days the temperature fluctuated between 98.4 and 99.4, once going up in the evening to 100.1. On the tenth day it ran up suddenly to 102, and for the next two weeks kept ranging between 102