

chloric acid at his meals to compensate for the evident gastric deficiency, and he should have frequent recourse to some mild mercurial, or similar hepatic and intestinal stimulant to meet the consequences of hepatic and pancreatic insufficiency.

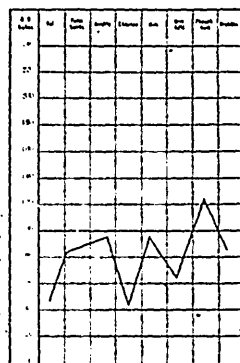
Will there be any need for therapeutic intestinal antiseptics, the physician, now reasoning on principles of general physiology, must ask himself. Is the amount of skatol sufficient to suggest the necessity for intestinal irrigation; is the small intestine to be defended by benzo-naphthol, (*) for instance. Or will the observance of dietetic and hygienic rules, such as have been already instituted, be sufficient to protect the organism against toxic invasion? And against toxic absorption and infection? For these are the dangers; and dangers that cannot be too often or too seriously insisted upon. It is sufficient to remember the presence of the appendix, a vestigial organ prone to regressive inflammations of every degree of violence, to the possibility, in fact of appendicitis, to justify the warning.

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Urine of Master D——, December 13th, 1905. (Born in China.)
Specific Gravity at 15°C., 1018.
Coefficient of oxidation, 93.
Phosphatic coefficient, 21.

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Semciol Conclusions are, very disturbed nutrition; phosphaturia actual or elementary; Toxaemic condition.

Abnormal elements, Skatol traces; Indican, very marked, and Bile, traces.



The methods we are describing have been in use for too short a time to enable us to answer these questions directly, to prove by unequivocal examples that danger of such a nature is to be anticipated; we can only have recourse to evidence of a presumptive nature; but this evidence is convincing, and, it will be seen, eloquent in its plea for general and systematic investigations of the kind. (†)

I have said "unequivocal" because the one urological analysis I have amongst my notes of a subject subsequently—indeed shortly afterwards—operated upon for appendicitis,

* Bouchard's favourite antiseptic for this purpose.

† This order of investigation should be suitable to Canada, with its long winter and consequent inducement to indoor occupations.