

body was a fairly large one, and besides, having a sharp point, it exposed the patient to all of the risks attendant upon the presence of such a body in the gastro-intestinal tract. In the second place, foreign bodies have not always been swallowed when patients come complaining of such accidents. Within a year I have seen a woman who stated that she had swallowed a rather large plate of artificial teeth. The history was that, feeling unusually fatigued, she had, contrary to her custom, retired without removing the plate. On arising the next morning the teeth were not in her mouth, and they could nowhere be found. The woman complained of considerable abdominal pain. There was no difficulty in swallowing, and a probang introduced into the œsophagus encountered no obstruction. The woman was placed upon a mashed-potato diet, and reported several times, but finally failed to present herself. Inquiry, however, elicited the information that the missing plate had been found in some place in which it had previously been overlooked.

A third contingency that may arise is that a person has swallowed a foreign body and that his statement be not believed. Just such a coincidence occurred within my experience in the case of the man at the Philadelphia Hospital, believed to be insane, in which the complaint of having swallowed a plate of teeth, with the accompanying symptoms, was considered to be a delusion, to which little attention was paid until the condition became threatening, when exploration revealed the presence of a foreign body in the œsophagus. Œsophagotomy was performed, and the foreign body removed, but the patient unfortunately died of a septic pneumonia.

**Hygienic Effects of Spraying Fruits for Insect Pests and Fungous Diseases.**—A case of fatal poisoning from such a use of the arsenical compounds, Paris green and London purple, has never been substantiated. The true danger lies in having them in bulk about the farm.

Their use against the Colorado potato beetle was at first much opposed on account of supposed danger. Recently the sale of American apples in England has been injuriously affected on account of the practice of the spraying of trees. Dr. Wm.