

milk from left breast at present is poor in quality, showing low percentage of fat, and on standing, separates into opaque and transparent portions. From June 17th, when the frenum was clipped, until September 10th, the child did not come under my observation.

*Clinical Course.*—During my absence from home for a few days early in September, a fellow practitioner was called in on account of several superficial ulcerations presenting on the scalp and behind each ear which were slow in healing. There were also several small sores around the edges and end of the tongue, and on the corresponding buccal and labial surfaces. On September 10th I was hurriedly called on account of a spasm the child had just passed through. I found the child lying quietly in the mother's lap, uttering a low feeble whine, mouth wide open, eyes partly closed, skin bluish, features pinched and peaked, lying apparently oblivious to all surroundings and offering no resistance to manipulations. Temperature 101.4 (axilla); pulse about 125 and weak. The mother, in describing the spasm, said that the child's face became blue, the head was thrown back, the limbs became stiff and rigid. Respiration ceased entirely for a brief time, then began again, and the normal color gradually returned to the skin.

The mother stated that four or five weeks ago the child weighed twelve pounds; present weight nine pounds. He takes the nipple vigorously, but after three or four efforts drops it and begins to fret and cry; on changing to the other breast he nurses all right and seems to be satisfied. Suspecting poor quality and deficient quantity of milk to be largely the cause of the present trouble, an immediate change was made to a 5 per cent. preparation of cow's milk. The sores on the tongue and lips prevented the use of the rubber nipple, so we made use of an ordinary medicine dropper until he could grasp the nipple. The bowels were moving two or three times a day, but contained particles of undigested food. An examination of the lungs was negative.

September 11.—Temperature 101.4; pulse fair; slept quite well; takes bottle some; lungs negative; no distension of abdomen.

September 13.—Temperature 100.3; pulse strong; gave strychnine in 1-300 grains every four hours since first visit. Bowels moved three times. Child seems more lively, and takes more notice of things going on about him; cry is stronger, urine scant and of reddish color. Glottic spasms have been occurring each day at intervals of from forty minutes to three hours.