

be down as far as the hip, and thus I worked it out at the great toe. She felt no more of it.

Another case ; there was retention of urine following curettage of uterus. Not being attended by a trained nurse I had to visit and use catheter for three days. I became convinced that the woman had no valid reason to offer why she should not micturate. Even enema with free evacuation of bowels produced no action of bladder. Gave her two five-grain doses of boracic acid and informed her definitely that at 10 o'clock p.m. she would have to use the vessel. At the stroke of 10 o'clock she was quite successful in emptying the bladder.

Again, a case of heavy chill, teeth chattering—bed shaking—no evidence of fever, nor of absorption of anything septic, nothing which should produce a chill excepting, perhaps, a little domestic friction. Calomel triturations 1-10 gr., with suggestion, produced marked relief. The first relieved from chill and the second given in one hour, produced quiet, comfortable sleep.

A fourth case, which is most interesting—a woman at middle life, unmarried ; has a remarkable variety of symptoms. She says her head is light, her bowels are about gone ; her heart is bad ; her stomach is cold ; her knees are so weak, etc.

R. Elix. lactopep..... ʒi.
Aqua..... ad ʒiv.

Sig.—Half teaspoonful after eating.

This will do almost anything for her that is suggested ; but it will only do it for a few doses. Then it aggravates some of the existing troubles or induces others. Simple ointment applied to skin over cold stomach produces such a heat that it cannot be continued. The above mixture, given to strengthen the weak knees, does its duty, but besides that produces such a "boiling in the stomach." Definite suggestion works well for a time but her faith falters by the way and back she goes.

These cases are mentioned not because they are rare, but rather because they are so common. If by suggestive therapeutics, if by faith in us and what we give or do for them, we can relieve more speedily and more thoroughly, then are we a little nearer the object of our life's work. The fact is apparent that Christian (?) Scientists are increasing in number, that faith cures are more common and that the press the world over is giving more space to the discussion of this and kindred subjects. We gain nothing by standing aloof and pooh-poohing faith cures. Our desire is to cure. If there be some truth in faith-healing and Christian (?) Science let us accept it and use it, or any other means, if thereby we can the better help others and thus help ourselves.