

therefore be said that this case, together with those mentioned above, tends to show that pure calomel possesses but slight toxic effects and that considerable overdoses may be given over a limited time without fear of either acute or chronic mercurial poisoning. A subsidiary point of interest is the early age at which a full-sized stomach-tube was used. There was no difficulty of passing it.

Tetany and Laryngismus Stridulus Accompanying Malnutrition in an Infant. C. C. BENEDICT, M.D., Menlo, Iowa., in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Rarity of Cases.—The relative infrequency of tetany in infants has prompted me to report this case. That it is rare in this country is shown by the report of Griffith,* who was able in 1895 to collect but fifty cases, thirty-eight of which were in children. Sanger Brown† was able to find but one hundred cases in this country up to 1898. He does not state the age at which it was found to occur most frequently.

A careful search of available literature fails to reveal a report of any cases of the disease occurring in infancy, which hardly corresponds with the observation of Holt. It is conceded that the disease is often accompanied by laryngismus stridulus, and usually accompanying rachitis or marasmus. In the following case there was a condition of marked malnutrition of a few weeks' duration only, and only a very few symptoms of rachitis were to be seen before the final termination.

Patient.—J. C. G., male, born May 6th, 1904, weight at birth 7 1-2 pounds.

Family History.—Both parents are apparently in good health. The patient was their fourth child. One child died of scarlet fever some few months ago. The other two children, a boy of about seven and a girl of about nine, are both bright and healthy.

Previous History.—When this child was born it was tongue-tied, which was clipped about six weeks later. Mother states that she has always had plenty of milk in both breasts to nourish the other children well, but at the lactation just previous to this she thought the supply in the left side was not so good. The

*Holt's "Infancy and Childhood."

†Sanger Brown: *Med. News*, July 5th, 1904.