

gums pale, the fauces dry, the patient complains, not so much of constipation of the bowels, as a difficulty of passing what he calls a gummy, sticky sort of substance, which clings to him with a tenacity almost immovable, and of a dark green colour, with very little odor, and attended by smarting, but no pain. The remedy for this is the blue pill and black draught, of the old physicians. A friend of mine in the country takes ten grains of calomel, followed by salts and senna. Chemically this is an acidulous excess, both in the stomach and liver, and ten grains of soda bi-carb. to act on the stomach, followed by ten of potass bi carb to neutralize the hepatic secretion, in a glass of cold water, will often effect a cure in a few hours.

One of the most troublesome attendants of bilious as well as infantile remittent fever, is the constant passing of green bile with mucus, showing its irritating effect on the membrane, thus provoking the febrile action and otherwise retarding the cure. I do not mean to say that any preparation of Potassa will cure bilious fever, but no doubt their use will correct this abnormal secretion, and thus effect one of the most important indications.

On the treatment of dysentery or diarrhæa, or whatever name you give to the various bowel complaints of children, you find a double action or one extreme running into the other. If you are consulted in the early stage, you find the tongue slightly coated, but white, appearing as if the child had just taken a drink of milk, the stools pure, somewhat painful, but not frequent. This is always treated with antacids, as Hydrag. cum creta, with Creta cum opii comp., or soda carb., so that in this I have no particular point to call your attention to. But what is far more likely, you do not see the case till various pills and potions have been administered by the too-confident parents, suggested by the too-knowing neighbors whose children have been exactly the same, and cured by the far-famed remedy. You find the tongue coated in the centre with a dirty white, inclining to brown, the tip and sides red, the fauces, gums and lips of the same color, a painful expression of countenance with a whining feeble cry, constantly picking its lips or ends of its fingers, stools more frequent, of the color of the coating of the tongue, more painful before each motion, and increasing in frequency, &c., &c., and you will invariably find an alkaline reaction, the stools often effervescing with nitric acid. Whatever course of treatment you would each sug-