

gusting and deplorable condition as those I have seen who had no control of their bowels. My patient, on the contrary, is enjoying life, can go to public and private places of amusement or instruction, and can exchange visits with her friends in perfect comfort. If the disease had gone beyond the rectum, then it would probably be also in organs which could not be removed, such as the liver or lungs, and no operation would save her; in which case that one is preferable which gives her relief from pain without disabling her from enjoying life.

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Selected Article.

SUMMER COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

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This dreaded complaint is caused by malassimilation and improper feeding during the hot weather. Children of all ages are predisposed to these attacks, although an infant at the breast, if properly fed, that is, at regular intervals, usually remains exempt. The greatest number of cases occur in the hand-fed, so-called bottle babies. The most frequent cases is certainly overfeeding of children, and feeding them too often with food that is both improper in quality and quantity. The digestive powers of a child are reduced to a minimum during very hot weather, and thus greater caution must be exercised than in cold weather. If we have been overfeeding, as previously stated, then the first symptom met with is vomiting. This is nature's means of trying to relieve an overloaded stomach. Food that has remained in the stomach for some time, especially when the gastric secretions are diminished, and chiefly when the pepsin and hydrochloric acid are deficient, will permit micro-organisms to develop putrefactive changes terminating in fermentation. Fermentation develops gases, and thus it is that the ultimate result will be eructations or a fermentative diarrhœa, plus considerable flatus or emptying of gas. Such stools usually smell sour and contain large quantities of bile and also undigested particles of food. This is the usual form of summer complaint met with, in which the children will