

employed under all the Circumstances of any Disease. The Grades of Intensity, and the grouping of the Symptoms with which Spasmodic Cholera makes its Attacks, vary with the Conditions of the Subject; its Treatment therefore, must vary with these Grades and Conditions.

The leading preliminary Symptoms generally are, either Diarrhœa, Spasms, Apoplectic Vertigo with Nausea, imperfect vomiting, or various Combinations of these Symptoms.

When the Diarrhœa affords Time for distinct Treatment, it ought to be arrested at once by the most prompt and efficient Measures;—by Opium in moderate Doses; Astringents; local Bleeding by Leeches, if the Subject be plethoric; by Cordials and Sulphate of Quinine, if there be cold Sweats; by confining the Patient strictly to Bed, and keeping up Heat; by Diet; by Emetics.

Should Spasms be the first and leading Symptom, Subnitrate of Bismuth, Cupping along the Course of the Spine, Cordial, and Antispasmodic Medicines, Opium, Frictions, and dry Warmth are indicated.

But when the Patient is suddenly seized with Vertigo, Nausea, Coldness, Loss of Pulse, Blueness of the Skin, shrinking of the Features and Extremities, with more or less watery Discharges and Cramps; constituting an aggravated Case of the worst Type; whether this State shall have come on without Warning, or shall have supervened upon either or both of the preliminary Sets of Symptoms already mentioned, Time must not be wasted upon inert Measures. Such a Patient will inevitably perish, and within a very few Hours, if the paralysed vital Functions be not quickly restored.

Let him then be immediately placed between warm Blankets; and should no Medical Person be at hand, let Two Table-spoons full of common Kitchen Salt dissolved in 6 oz. of warm Water, be given immediately, and at once, if he be an Adult. Let dry and steady Heat be applied along the Course of the Spine, and to the Pit of the Stomach, (if no other Means be at hand,) by a Succession of heated Plates or Platters. Let the upper and lower Extremities be surrounded with Bags of heated Bran, Corn, Ashes or Sand, and assiduously rubbed with a warm Hand, and a little Oil or Grease to protect the Skin. Energetic, complete vomiting will probably be produced by the Salt; and perhaps bilious purging, with Tenesmus.

Should a Medical Man be on the Spot, a moderate Bleeding, if it can be obtained, would be desirable, previously to, or immediately after the Administration of the Salt, or of any other Emetic which may be preferred.

The extensively deranged Action of those Organs, whose Nerves are chiefly derived from, or connected with, the Spinal Marrow; the anatomical Characters found about that great Source of Vitality, after Death, in many Cases of this Disease; together with the Success stated by Dr. Lange, Chief Physician at Cronstadt, to have attended the Practice mentioned below, founded upon these Views, in Twelve out of Fourteen aggravated Cases, fully justify the following Recommendation.

In Cases such as those just described, let the actual Caustery be freely applied to One or Two, or more Places on either Side of the Spine, as if for the Purpose of forming good-sized Issues. Should the heated Iron have produced