since which time she resided with her son. She was the subject of constipation, the bowels remaining confined for two weeks or more, when she would state her difficulty; then by means of copious injections, containing castor oil and turpentine, the accumulated faceal masses would be evacuated. Towards the end of April of this year this state of atlairs had arisen, and more than ordinary efforts had to be made, by repeated injections, to get the bowels to act. This condition of affairs was present again about the 15th of June, and having failed by the means usually used, I was asked to see the patient.

When I called to see her. I found her lying in bed, but her condition did not confine her to the bed. The belly was distended and tympanitic, so much so that it was difficult making deep pressure, but yet sufficient to allow me to make out to the touch the presence of some hard masses, which I concluded to be feeal. There was no tenderness on pressure; the pulse and temperature were normal. She appeared in good spirits ; slept well; and the only thing she complained of was a feeling of discomfort from the distended belly. Repeated injections of warm water and soap, with castor oil and turpentine, had been tried. but had completely failed to render her any relief. I then administered a copious injection with an ordinary enema syringe, adding 3 ounces of castor oil and 1 ounce of turpentine to the This was retained but for a few moments, when it . injection. came away with no benefit. I ordered hot cloths to the bowels and gave her a 1-grain of morphia, and left her for the night. At my visit next day, I introduced an esophageal tube into the bowel, and by injecting sweet oil as I introduced it, I found no difficulty in getting in the full length. I then injected a pint bottle of sweet oil ; this was retained for a short time, but came away without exciting any action of the bowels. Powders of half a grain of opium were ordered, one to be given twice a day.

At my visit the day following, matters remaining in the same condition, I again introduced the œsophageal tube, and injected a pint bottle of sweet oil, sending up after it about a pint of soap and water with turpentine. This produced no more effect than that of the day previous The belly now being much distended, to