

October 27. Visiting another member of the family, I saw him in the orchard, on a cold, windy day, picking apples. I went over to see him and warn him against taking such risks. He was more jaundiced than before, but said he felt better when out, and that it was the best relief he got from the itching.

Nov. 4. I was called to see him, and found him intensely jaundiced, very dull, semi-comatose. Gave a hypodermic injection of gr. 1-6 pilocarpine, which caused profuse sweating, and was followed by relief. On rubbing him dry, the towel was colored dark-green by the perspiration.

Oct. 9. Advised a consultation, and Dr. D. B. Fraser, of Stratford, was called. We could find no enlargement of liver or gall bladder. Patient very weak, and somewhat comatose. The diagnosis agreed upon was obstruction of bile ducts. The causes, gallstones, catarrh, carcinoma, tumors, etc., were discussed. Owing to absence of pain, and the fact that the jaundice appeared to be brought on by a wetting, we inclined to consider it a case of catarrhal jaundice.

He was kept on a liquid diet and stimulants, giving hypodermics of pilocarpine as occasion required. For a time they gave relief. Enemata of Glauber's salts and magnesium sulphate were given to relieve constipation. Stools, light-colored, containing no bile; while urine was dark-colored and reacted freely to bile tests.

The pilocarpine worked well, and was given almost daily for about ten days, when suddenly it produced so much weakness that he would not have it any more. After its withdrawal jaundice deepened, skin getting very dark and coma more persistent.

I now arranged a steam bath as follows: Taking a large tub, I placed a chair in it; put a warm stove-lid, wrapped in newspapers, beside the tub for patient's feet to rest on; poured three pailfuls of boiling water into the tub. Then, stripping the patient naked, placed him on the chair, with his feet on the stove-lid, and wrapped a cotton sheet around his body and the tub, pinning it closely around his neck. In about ten or fifteen minutes he was perspiring freely, and, as soon as he began to feel weak, I replaced him and the steaming sheet in bed, wrapping well in warm flannels. As perspiration ceased, I had him rubbed dry, and dry clothes put on. This always gave temporary relief. The perspiration was profuse, and any clothes saturated with it were stained a dark-green color, and this was continued every day or two till the operation.

Between Christmas and January 1st, I began to make out the outlines of what I took for an enlarged gall bladder. The patient complained of a feeling of tightness in the same region.

Jan. 3, 1894. Dr. Fraser was again called for consultation, and diagnosis of enlarged gall bladder was confirmed, and it was decided to