

casually mentioned to me that she suffered from diarrhoea, which was sometimes better and sometimes worse. Attributing it to her alcoholic habits, I warned her against her besetting sin, but to no purpose, as she denied any excess. As her appetite felt fairly good, she was able to drift along, attending to her household duties in some sort of manner.

She came to my office on the evening of October 10th, of last year, in considerable trepidation, on account of passing what she called a "yellow scum," which came away from her with a "gush of wind," just before her bowels were going to be moved, and which she stated floated like "grease" on what she passed in the chamber-pot. She also mentioned that her diarrhoea was very troublesome, as many as four or five evacuations taking place during the day, and quite as many more during the night, each evacuation being preceded by this discharge of yellow scum. As her neighbors, including the ubiquitous "old woman," had never seen or heard of the like before, and prognosticated all sorts of direful results, my patient became alarmed, and hence her visit to me. I directed her to go home and to keep what she passed during the night, and that I would call in the morning. On my arrival next day, I was shown a most noisome-smelling mixture, to even a professional nose. To sight, a yellowish greasy-looking substance, very much resembling melted bees-wax, occupied at least half of the superficial area of the fluid contents of the "whited sepulchre" which held it. I was considerably puzzled at first to know what was before me, but a slight examination only was needed to show that it was of a fatty nature. I therefore concluded that it must be a case of that rare disease, *fatty diarrhoea*. The microscope confirmed this opinion, as only fat cells were found. When first passed it was semi-fluid, but speedily became firmer and more consistent, and appeared to be in irregular-sized cakes, about a quarter of an inch in thickness, and, as was stated before, always preceded the fecal evacuations, and was accompanied with a considerable discharge of flatus, which heralded its delivery. The quantity I saw in the pot would probably weigh between two and three ounces, and on this estimate, the total quantity passed in the 24 hours would at least reach ten or twelve ounces.