

of seven months without much benefit, I discovered an impacted condition of her colon. The effect of the flushings seemed to be to relieve her of all dyspeptic troubles, relieved her headaches entirely, and at the end of three months of using flushings, the psoriasis had almost entirely disappeared. The last time that she was seen a few spots of it remained on the abdomen and forearms.

The question arises, did the prevention of fecal absorption relieve a skin disease?

Case VIII.—Mrs. W., aged 30, has had headaches for years anywhere from once a month to once in four or five days, which prostrated her, lasting from six to twenty-four hours. She always had been constipated, and strange to say, about the only thing that ailed her was headache. Her colon was found loaded.

Flushings ordered for a period of three months, without medicines. The headaches were completely and permanently relieved; her complexion which had always been muddy cleared up greatly, sending out in bolder relief the chloasmic spots which decorated her forehead and temples.

I have often questioned whether chloasmic spots were not due to fecal absorption. These spots are pigmentary matter deposited under the skin. It is a physiological fact that all pigments originate in the liver. In a condition of health their abnormal deposit we never see. It is only when the patient is not well in some way that these spots are noticed. They are infinitely more common in women than in men. It is easy to see that their sedentary life is more apt to lead them to the filling of the colon. Absorption from the colon produces a poisoned blood, which in turn deranges every organ of the body, among others the liver. It is possible that the action of light, as in photographs, contributes in some way to precipitate the deposits of these chloasmic spots because we see them chiefly upon the parts of the body exposed to light.