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be admixed and introduced into the organism in order to make good the materials consumed in the tissue changes, and to indicate in each case the nature and amount of the nutriment necessary for this purpose. And it is difficult to fulfil this aim even in the case of healthy persons on account of the complicated character of the conditions present here. It is still more difficult when we have to deal with a diseased person, especially one suffering from fever, where the indication is to make good the increased consumption of material or where it is desirable to produce a more rapid formation of blood, so as to enhance the energy of the tissue changes and thereby stimulate the activity of the organic functions. The selection of food substances is not a matter of indifference here; it demands the closest consideration and is so much the more important since the nutrition is impaired not only by the presence of the disease, but by the fact that the stomach is usually affected. Inasmuch as gastric digestion is less active than in the normal state and intestinal absorption is distributed, it follows that food administered to persons with fever,

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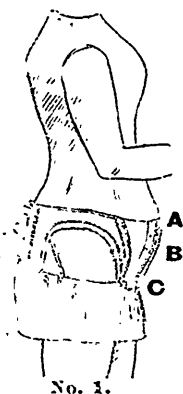
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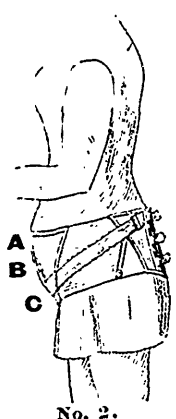
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