

I was therefore prepared to tell him that all solid food must cease—the system having a good round month's supply already in store—and that time, success and everything tending to his safety would materially depend upon his forbearance in that particular.

Preliminary to the use of any medicines, I administered a stimulating injection. *ol. terobinth*, 1 oz., *ol. ricini*, 2 oz., followed by a copious supply of soap and water. The injection having acted, hardened and old portions of stool were eliminated in such quantities as to astonish the patient, who now indulged in frequent expressions of relief, and prophesied for himself an early recovery.

Considering the quality and quantity of the patient's food and the high temperature to which he had almost constantly been exposed, I had reason tacitly to prophesy very differently. I was fully convinced that under the most favorable circumstances the progress of the case would be tedious, and in this I may state there was no disappointment, but at this time I had no expectation or suspicion whatever that any complication such as marked the case subsequently, was in store for him, although I feared abscess of the liver.

Little change marked the progress of the case, although very much better than when first seen, until the 2nd of January, when he complained of great weight, "a bearing pain," in the neighborhood of the bladder, and pain in the region of the sacrum, noticeable at this time also was an inability on his part to bear more than half-a-pint of injection before he cried "enough," and what had already been injected began to return. I may mention here, that during the whole time intervening the 17th of December and the 2nd of January, daily use of the enema pump with soap and water formed a portion of the treatment—the bowels not acting without—always affording marked relief, but never, except on few occasions, removing anything decidedly fecal in appearance, each injection on its return bore a strong resemblance to water in which fat meat had been boiled—the fat floating on the surface, and mixed with it a large quantity of bile.

From the 2nd of January, or the time at which the pelvic symptoms became prominent, till the afternoon of the 5th, to speak truthfully, the case was to me a mystery;