

equally or still more out of place in those cases where there is a fecal mass lodged or accumulated in the rectum. Every surgeon who sees much of diseases of the rectum has instructive stories to tell of cases where the patient has consulted a large number of eminent physicians, without avail, for a persisting diarrhœa. The usual mixtures in great variety are prescribed, without effect; at last the persisting tenismus drives the patient to a rectal surgeon, who, on examination, finds a solid mass in the bowel, around and past the sides of which the thin fecal motion passes. Here diarrhœa is the only possible means by which the bowels can be emptied; and it is fortunate that the astringent mixtures are inoperative to arrest this diarrhœa, else the patient's condition would indeed be a serious one. The mass is removed, and then the diarrhœa spontaneously ceases."—*Phila. Med. & Surg. Reporter*.

### **Homœopathic Springs for Fever and**

**Ague.**—In Westphalia there is a spring which, after flowing for twenty-four hours, entirely ceases for six, then returns with a very loud noise, and in a stream large enough to turn three mills. The well at Torbay ebbs and flows sixteen times in an hour. The Giggleswick well in Yorkshire rises and falls every ten minutes. St. Anthony's well, near Edinburgh, has a similar regular intermittent movement. In Savoy there is a spring which is very uncertain and irregular in its rises and falls; this water has been suggested for the irregular chills of pyæmia, while sea-water, which rises and falls regularly with tides, is said by Dr. Max Greubler to rival natrum muriaticum in the cure of intermittent fevers. He also hints that the other waters may be tried in obstinate cases of fever and ague. The waters from the intermittent geyser springs in Iceland have not yet been suggested by Dr. Greubler for the worst cases, but he points, with pride and pleasure, to the numerous cases of malarial disease which have been cured at the springs, called the *Puits de Vaisse* at Vichy, which have a perfectly regular and curious *intermittent* action, preceded by a subterranean noise, followed by a violent eruption of mud, water and gas, strongly impregnated with the