

Bromine water, when one will perceive as a positive test, the production of a red-violet color.

Bacterial agency, blood and regurgitated trypsin may, according to authors, invalidate the test.

Weinstein claims that the use of glycoltryptophan is uncalled for, as in the presence of cancer the ordinary food proteids are changed into these amino-acids. Accordingly he only uses ordinary stomach contents without the addition of this acid.

Free hydrochloric acid may invalidate the test so that it may be necessary to wash the stomach out before giving the test meal; also any coloring substance contained in the food will modify the result.

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**Atony of the Stomach.** J. W. WEINSTEIN, M.D., New York.

Atony of the stomach is that condition in which the motility of the organ is impaired.

Weinstein gives his patient a meal of meat, soup, bread and potatoes, and considers a stomach as atonic which shows food present seven hours after the meal was taken.

Disturbances of the motility of the stomach must depend on the movements, or on the disturbance of the action of the pyloric sphincter, and dilatation, according to the writer, is rare in atony.

Etiologically there is congenital and acquired weakness of the wall, to the latter of which causes belong overfeeding, surplus fluid ingestion, milk cures, emotional disturbances, defective mastication and secondary obstruction. The symptoms are manifold, hyperacidity, distension, pain, belching of gas, constipation, splashing stomach, and so forth.

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**Duodenal Regurgitation Due to Fatty Foods and Oils as a Clinical Entity. Fat Intolerance of Gastric Origin.** ANTHONY BASSLER, M.D., New York.

Fatty foods and oils are counterindicated in poor fat digestion, absorption, and metabolic difficulty in assimilating; in icterus, pancreatic disease, disease of the intestinal wall, diabetes and phthisis.

Bassler adds the following type of case as an addition to this non-fat digesting class.

Sharp pain in the epigastrium of acute onset, radiating to the back; duration minutes to days. No relation to food, no vomiting and no special subjective signs aided the diagnosis.