

development of myasthenia requires the addition of carbolic acid to the bismuth mixture, while in cases complicated by colitis, full doses of salicylate of bismuth, cyllin, or guaiacal should be employed. The selection of a suitable aperient is always a matter of importance. As a rule, severe purgatives must be avoided, and reliance be placed on small doses of cascara and euonymin, combined, if necessary, with belladonna and rhubarb. In other cases, a confection of cascara and maltine, taken at bedtime, proves efficient; or one composed of guaiacum, senna, and ginger may be employed with advantage. When colitis is accompanied by constipation, nothing is so effectual as a small dose of castor oil each morning before breakfast; but if severe neurasthenia exists, all purgatives may have to be omitted, and an action daily of the bowels secured by an enema of soap and water or an injection of glycerine. Carlsbad salts and other salines are chiefly indicated when myasthenia with stagnation of food exists, as their employment edects a form of internal lavage, and the fermenting contents of the stomach are swept into the intestine. In other respects the medicinal treatment of gastroptosis is conducted upon the lines laid down for the management of chronic gastritis and atony of the stomach.

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## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN URINARY ANALYSIS AND SEMEIOLOGY.

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The Western readers whose special requirements will be met by the Medical Journal, which should, doubtlessly, have a highly prosperous career, should attach a certain amount of importance—I write here as the representative of a pathological school—to the theories and methods, which it will be the object of the following pages to describe.

There are many reasons to be adduced in favour of this recommendation; some of them may be mentioned at once, while others will appear in the course of our remarks. In a new country, in effect, the number of hospitals is necessarily