

## CLINICAL OBSERVATION

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(91) A child fifteen months old, was taken with diarrhoea in the country, where the family were spending the summer. The child was reported to have a great deal of pain in the abdomen, very offensive watery stools, much thirst and frequent vomiting after drinking, great weakness, and very restless at night. One dose of *Arsenicum 10 M* relieved the child very much, and he remained very comfortable for a fortnight, when the diarrhoea returned, but with less severity, no vomiting, and stools less offensive. One dose of *Ars. 63 M* again relieved him for two weeks ; the diarrhoea again returned, worse in the morning, very little pain, stools slimy and much rumbling in the abdomen before stool. *Aloe 2c* again relieved him, to return again. I then felt that the nutriment of the child must be at fault, and on cross examining the nurse, I found the cause of these periodical returns of this diarrhoea. There was more than an objective symptom ; the cause of it was a cloth with which a copper kettle had been scoured. salt and vinegar being used for that purpose. The cloth thus used was thrown outside the house, where stood the cow which gave milk for the child, and the attraction of the salt was stronger than the repulsiveness of the vinegar, *the cow ate the cloth*. The cow became quite sick ; and the child who fed on the milk of this cow also became sick and the sickness returned periodically. I allowed the child to abstain from the milk of this cow ; *gave Sec. Lac.* and the child soon recovered.

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