

STOMACH, INFLAMMATION OF THE

There is a general fever, with burning pain in the upper part of the abdomen, which is increased on the slightest pressure; constant nausea, followed by violent retchings; an accelerated pulse; difficult breathing; great thirst, with unremitting desire for cold drinks, which are vomited as soon as taken. Soon extreme prostration follows, with faintness.

Cause.— Powerful irritants or poisons taken into the stomach; cold water drank in large quantities when the body is heated by exercise, drinking of boiling water; large doses of emetics when they fail to produce vomiting, and large doses of tartar emetic. In most cases it is caused by the medicine the doctor ordered.

Treatment.— Give the patient frequent sips of ice water; small quantities of broken ice may be swallowed; cool water may be drunk freely. The bowels, when constipated, should be freed by the use of tepid enemas. If there is a diarrhea, give cool or cold enemas. Treat the fever as directed for simple fever. Hot

fomentations, or heat and cold alternated, should be applied over the stomach several times a day.

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