



Excerpt from, "A Thesis on Opium" by Henry D. Blanchard, MD,  
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*"In the whole range of nervous symptoms and neuralgic diseases it (opium) is almost the only drug that is capable of giving relief. In dysentery, and especially in the frightful cholera of India opium cures more than all other remedies combined. In acute Gastric diseases, opium quickly relieves the most distressing symptoms but according to Barthlow the following rule is of great importance. He says - As a rule, opium does harm in all gastro-intestinal maladies, in which there is a deficiency in the proper secretion, or a suspension of the functions of the Liver and Kidneys, - with the above exception there is hardly a disease that can be imagined, in which opium will not take an important part, either to cure the disease or relieve the symptoms."*

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