

very uncomfortable sensation like as if all the organs of the abdomen were hanging from the heart.

An examination of the patient revealed the presence of a very flaccid abdomen, ptosis of the stomach and movable right kidney. The abdominal bandage was applied and rapid improvement took place. In two weeks she was able to do her household work and to nurse her child. She continued to wear the bandage for nearly a year and then she was able to get along without it. During the earlier part of her illness the patient found that if she removed the bandage the weakness, indigestion, etc., began to reappear.

*Pregnancy in the Treatment of Gastropotosis.*— A pregnant uterus increases the intra-abdominal tension, and one should expect that when a woman suffering from gastropotosis becomes pregnant the condition of the patient to improve. That such is the case I have frequently obtained evidence in the histories of patients who have told me that during their pregnancies the condition of their digestion was greatly improved. Moreover, during the last two years I have watched the improvement in several cases, the history of one of which I shall give below, and by lengthening the period of confinement in bed after labor as well as by careful bandaging, attempted to retain the advantage in health gained during gestation.

The following are short clinical notes of the case:

Mrs. C., aged 30, mother of three children, consulted me in 1901 on account of indigestion. Patient was very thin and had poor health with indigestion since her second child was born. An examination revealed the presence of gastropotosis and movable right kidney. I ordered an abdominal bandage and a diet and medicines suitable for the disturbed functions of the stomach. Her gastric symptoms were relieved and she gained a few pounds in weight. About six months afterwards the patient became pregnant and discarded the abdominal support. During her pregnancy the state of her health was greatly improved and she gained considerable in weight. After the birth of her child she remained in bed or reclined on a couch for six weeks, and during this period an ordinary bandage was carefully applied to the abdomen. Then she wore an elastic support for two months. Since that date she has had good digestion and has retained the increase in weight gained during pregnancy.