

and 44). **Tympanites** (meteorism) causes a general distension of the abdomen, which is often most evident in the epigastrium. It may be possible to perceive by inspection the shape and outline



FIG. 2.—ASCITES DUE TO TUBERCULOUS PERITONITIS.

of a distended stomach, and so distinguish it from inflated bowel. This is most likely to be possible when the stomach has been artificially inflated for the purpose, and in all conditions where